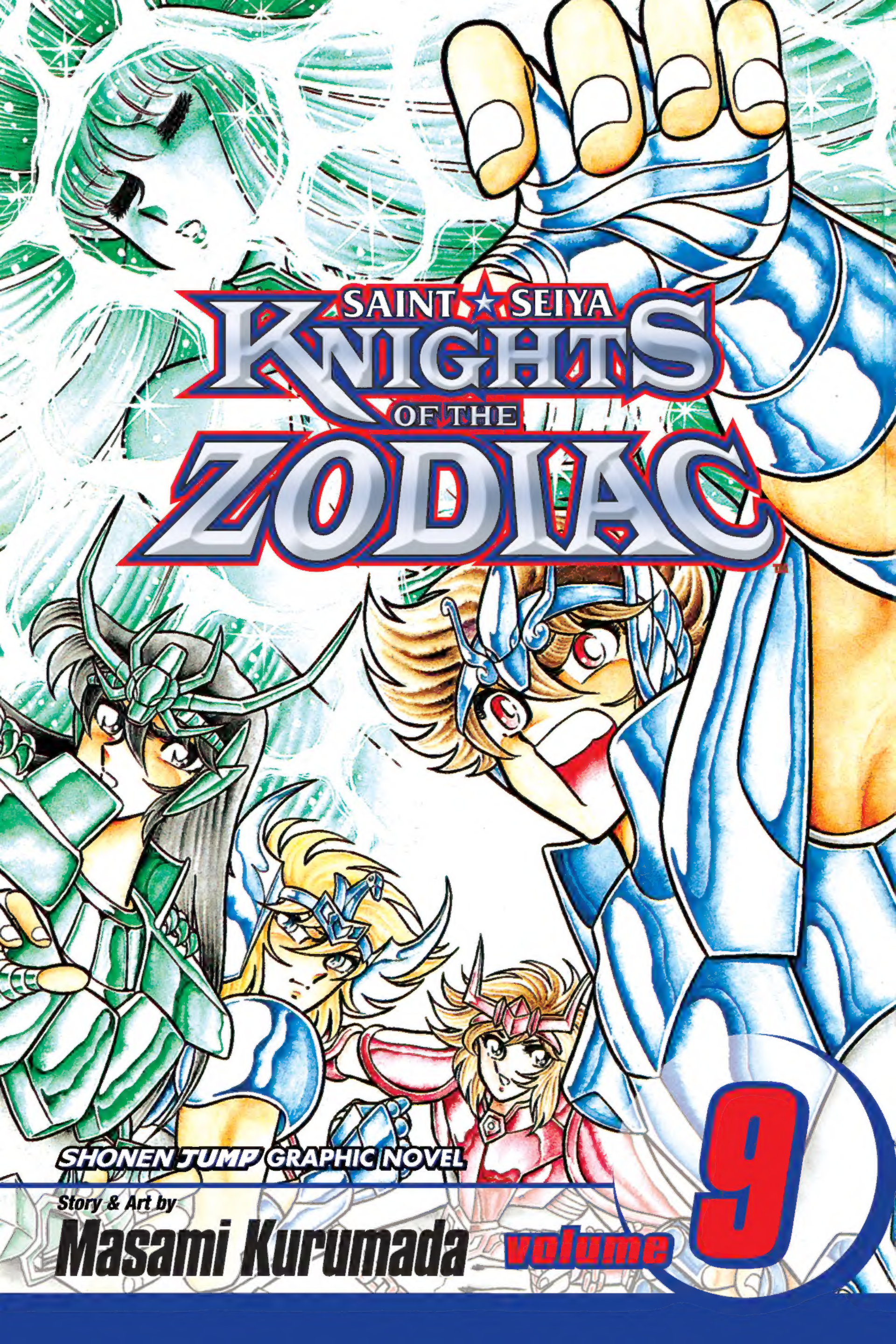
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There are now many longtime fans of mine who have already passed 20 years old, gotten married, and even had several kids. Recently, I've been receiving more and more letters stating, "We have named our own child Seiya."

I think "Seiya," if I may say so myself, is a great name. To ensure that those children who have been so named do not become ashamed by it, I shall work hard at my Seiya from here on out!

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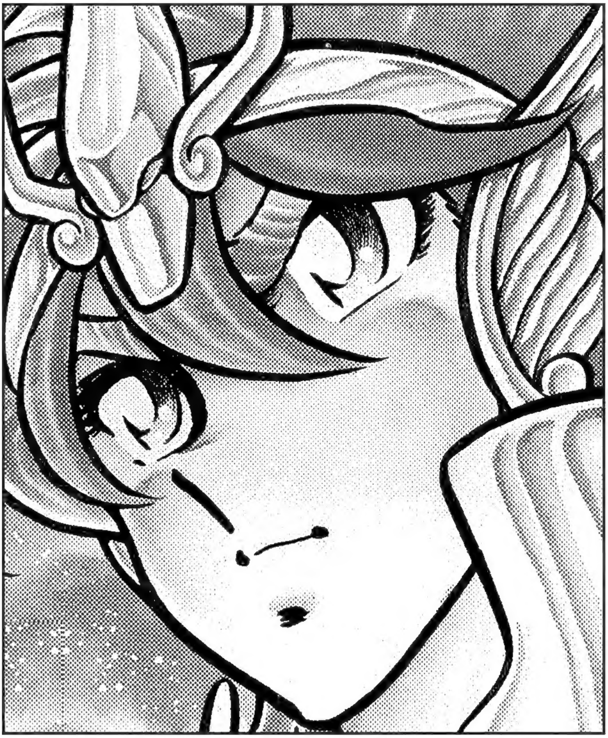

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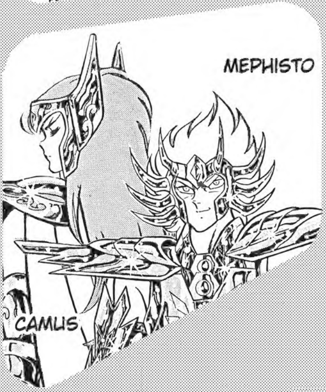
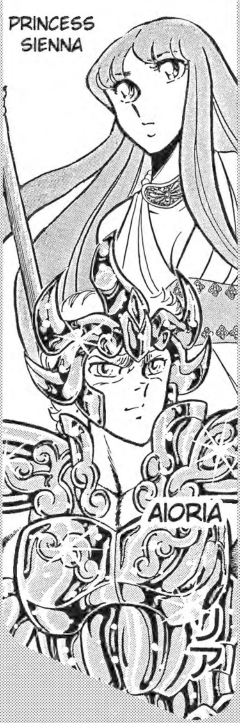
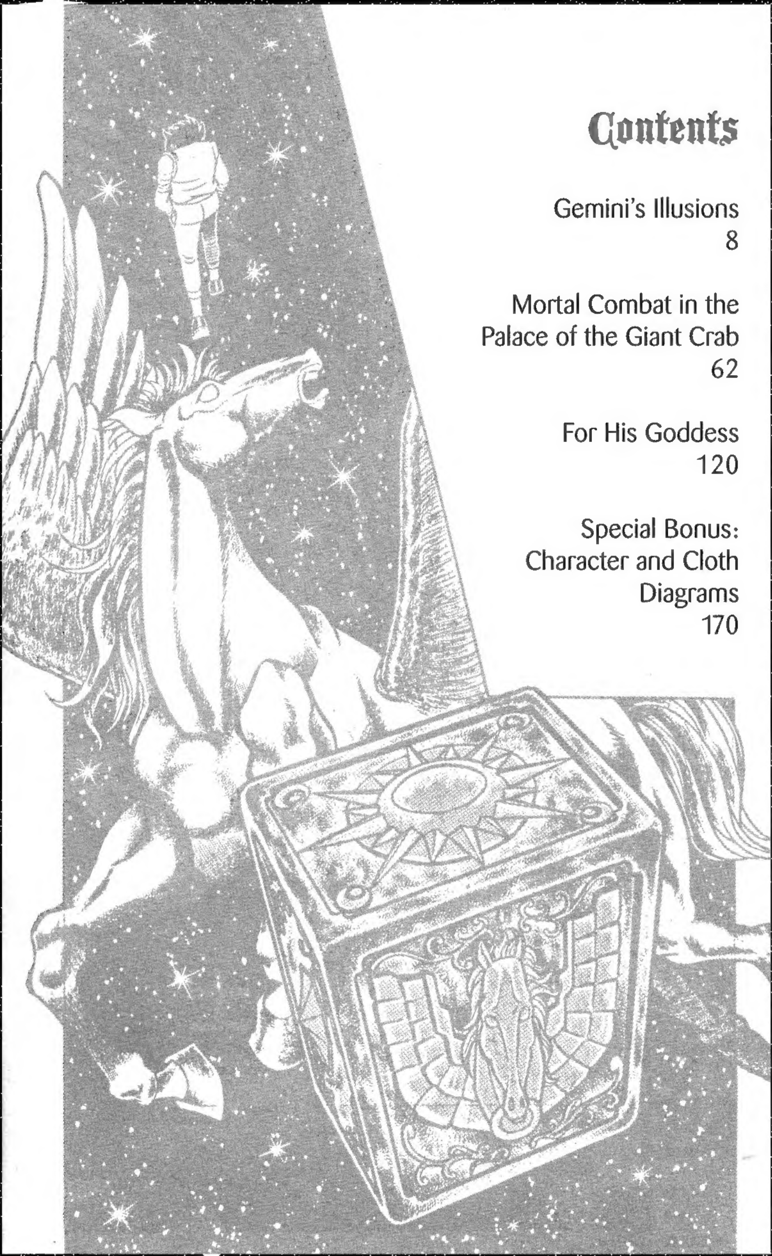




THE STORY THUS FAR ...

YEARS AGO, THE GOLD KNIGHT AIOROS ENTRUSTED LORD NOBU OF THE GRANDE FOUNDATION WITH THE INFANT PRINCESS SIENNA, THE INCARNATION OF THE GODDESS ATHENA. TO RAISE WARRIORS WITH THE STRENGTH TO FIGHT FOR ATHENA, LORD NOBU SENT HIS OWN 100 CHILDREN OUT INTO THE WORLD TO TRAIN AS KNIGHTS.

NOW PRINCESS SIENNA, HAVING REACHED MATURITY, HAS AWAKENED AS ATHENA. SHE RESOLVES TO CONFRONT THE MASTER OF SANCTUARY, HEADQUARTERS OF KNIGHTHOOD, WHO HAS GROWN CORRUPT AND EVIL. ALONG WITH THE BRONZE KNIGHTS SEIYA, SHIRYÛ, HYÔGA, AND SHUN, SHE SETS OFF TOWARD SANCTUARY. AT THE GATES OF SANCTUARY, THE GROUP IS ATTACKED BY TREMY, THE SILVER SAGITTA KNIGHT, WHO PIERCES PRINCESS SIENNA WITH A DEADLY ARROW. TREMY TELLS THE BRONZE KNIGHTS THAT ONLY THE MASTER CAN HEAL THE PRINCESS. TO SAVE HER LIFE, THEY MUST MAKE THEIR WAY THROUGH THE 12 PALACES OF THE GOLD KNIGHTS WITHIN 12 HOURS AND BRING THE MASTER BACK WITH THEM. THE BRONZE KNIGHTS ARE GRANTED PASSAGE BY THE FIRST TWO GOLD KNIGHTS, MÛ AND ALDEBARAN, WHO HAVE THEIR OWN DOUBTS ABOUT THE MASTER.
AT THE THIRD PALACE, HOWEVER, THE MYSTERIOUS GEMINI KNIGHT AWAITS THEM..



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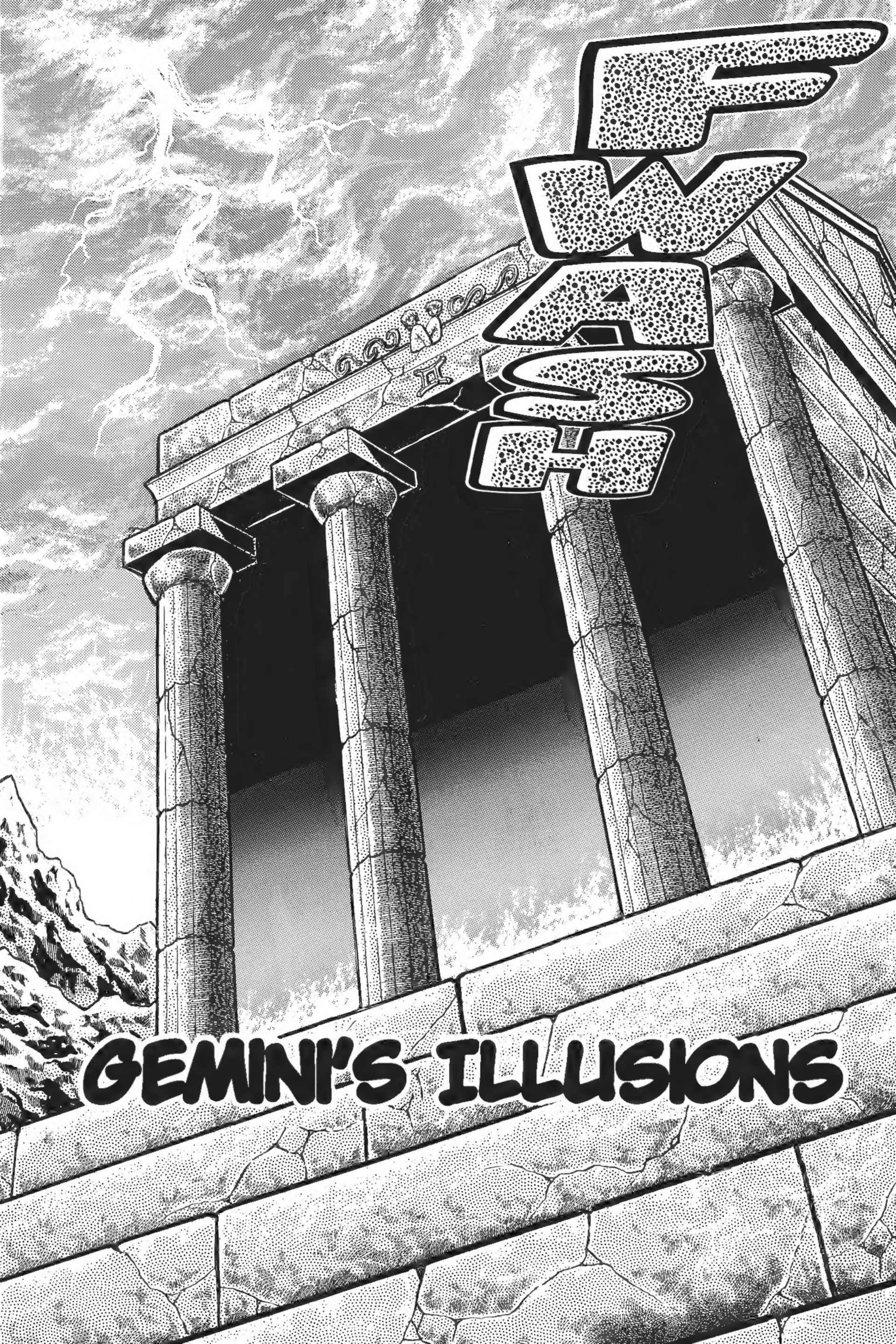
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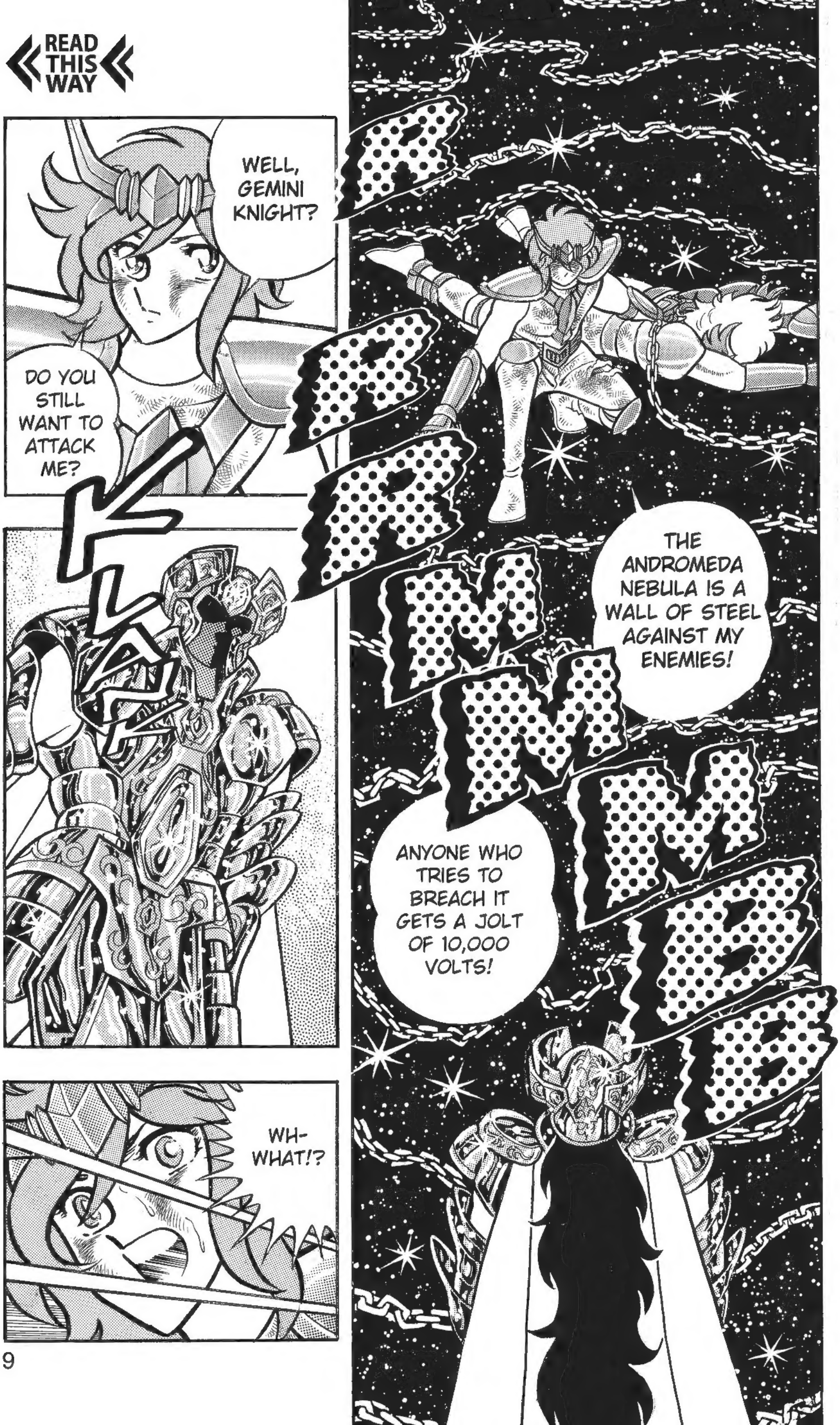
GEMINI'S ILLUSIONS

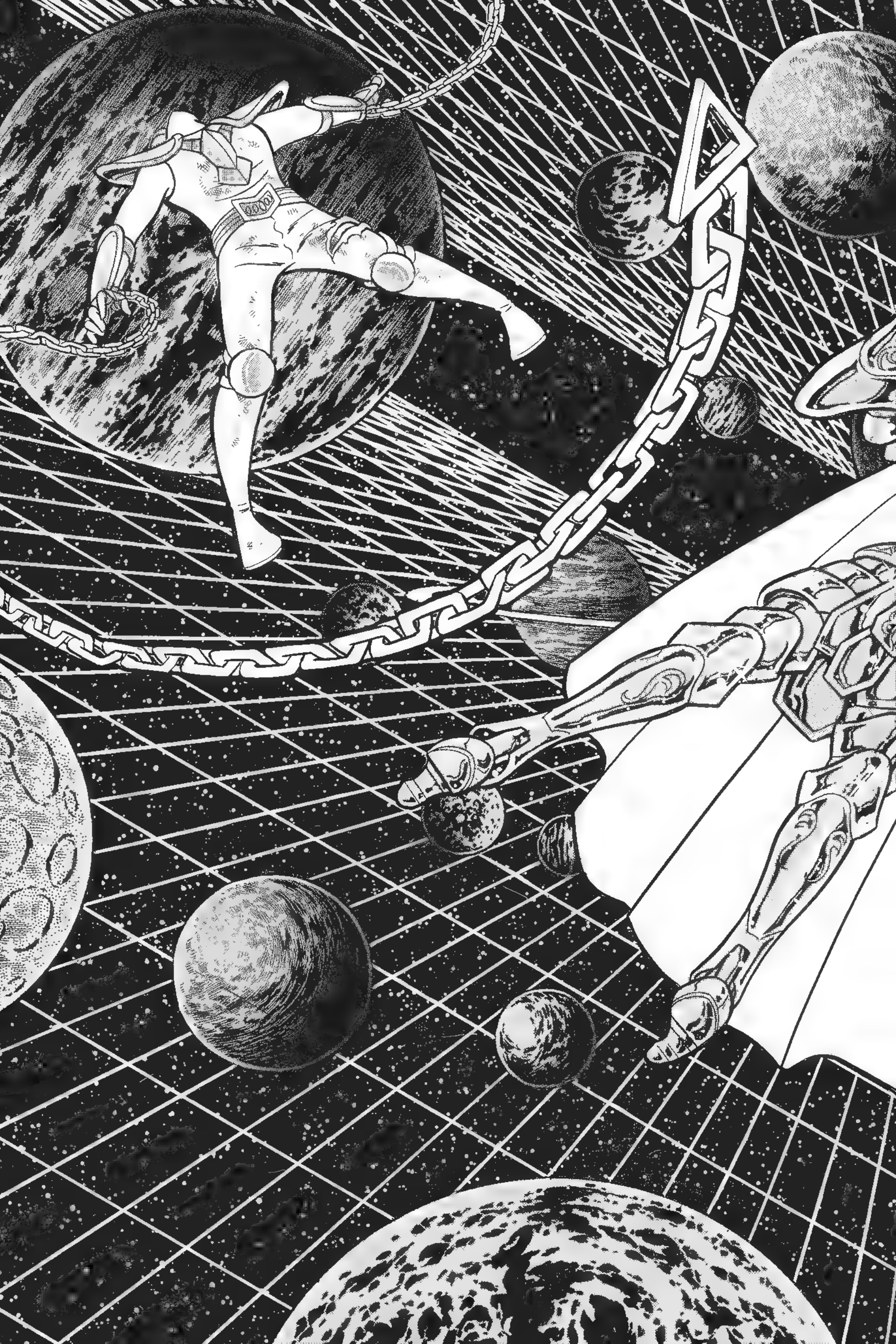
READ THIS WAY



HE'S WALKING RIGHT OVER THE NEBULA CHAINS!
BUT... HOW CAN IT BE!?
TH-THIS MAN DOESN'T EXIST!
HE'S NOT HERE!
AND THE CHAINS AREN'T REACTING AT ALL!!
THE LABYRINTH AND THE GEMINI KNIGHT ARE ILLUSIONS! THAT'S WHY OUR ATTACKS ALL BACKFIRED!
BUT IF THAT'S THE CASE, WHERE IS THE REAL ENEMY, THE PERSON CREATING THESE ILLUSIONS?

HEH HEH HEH... IT TAKES YOU BRONZE KNIGHTS FOREVER TO CATCH ON...
LIKE INSECTS WHO NEVER DREAM OF THE EXISTENCE OF GODS! HEH HEH HEH HEH...
NOW LET ME SURPRISE YOU STILL FURTHER! BEHOLD THE FEARSOME POWER OF A GOLD KNIGHT!!
IT'S...!!
WH-WHAT!?

THE DIMENSION OF EXILE!!



WHOOSH
CHAK
TWK
AAAAH!!

READ THIS WAY

THUMP
HUFF
WH-
WHAT?
HUFF
...AND, INDEED, IF NOT FOR YOUR CHAINS, YOU WOULD HAVE SUFFERED THE SAME FATE AS HYÔGA.
YOU'RE IN LUCK-- YOUR CHAINS SAVED YOU.
IT'S SAID THAT ANDROMEDA'S CHAINS HAVE THE STRONGEST DEFENSIVE INSTINCTS OF ALL THE CLOTHS...
WH-WHERE DID HYÔGA GO?

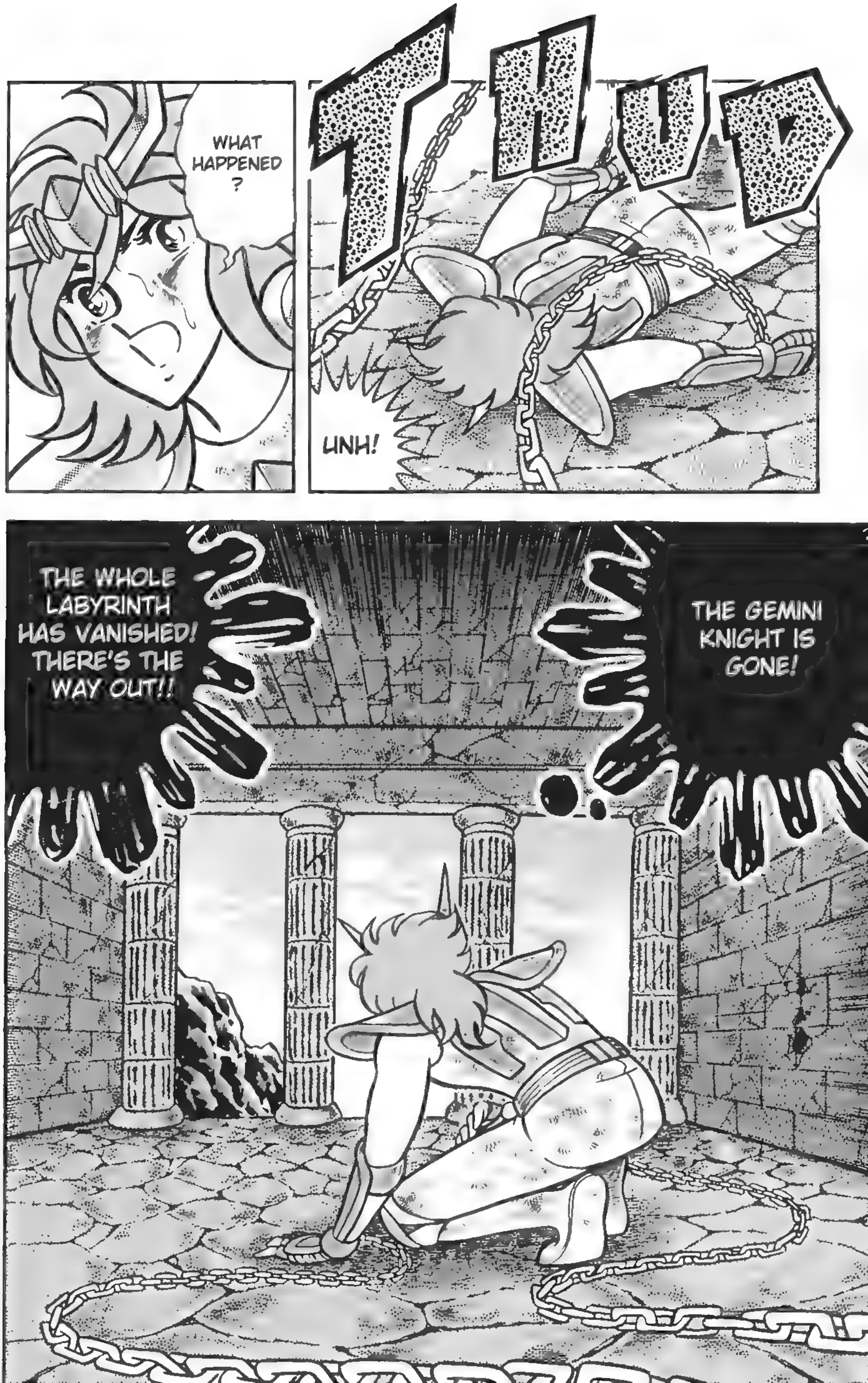
READ THIS WAY

THE DIMENSION OF EXILE!!

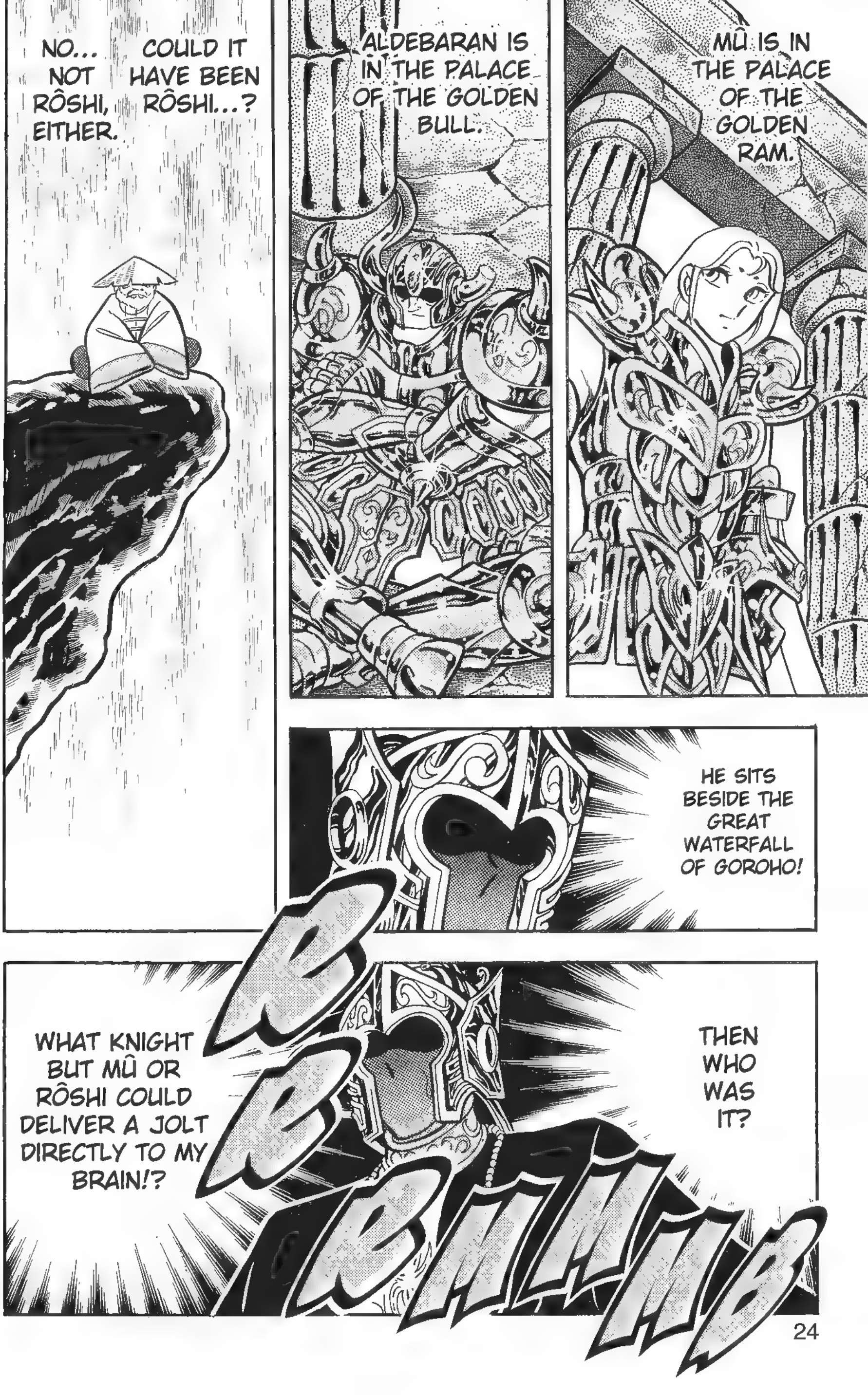
VWMMMM
YOUR CHAINS WERE YOUR LIFELINES BEFORE, BUT THEY WON'T SAVE YOU THIS TIME!!
AAAH!

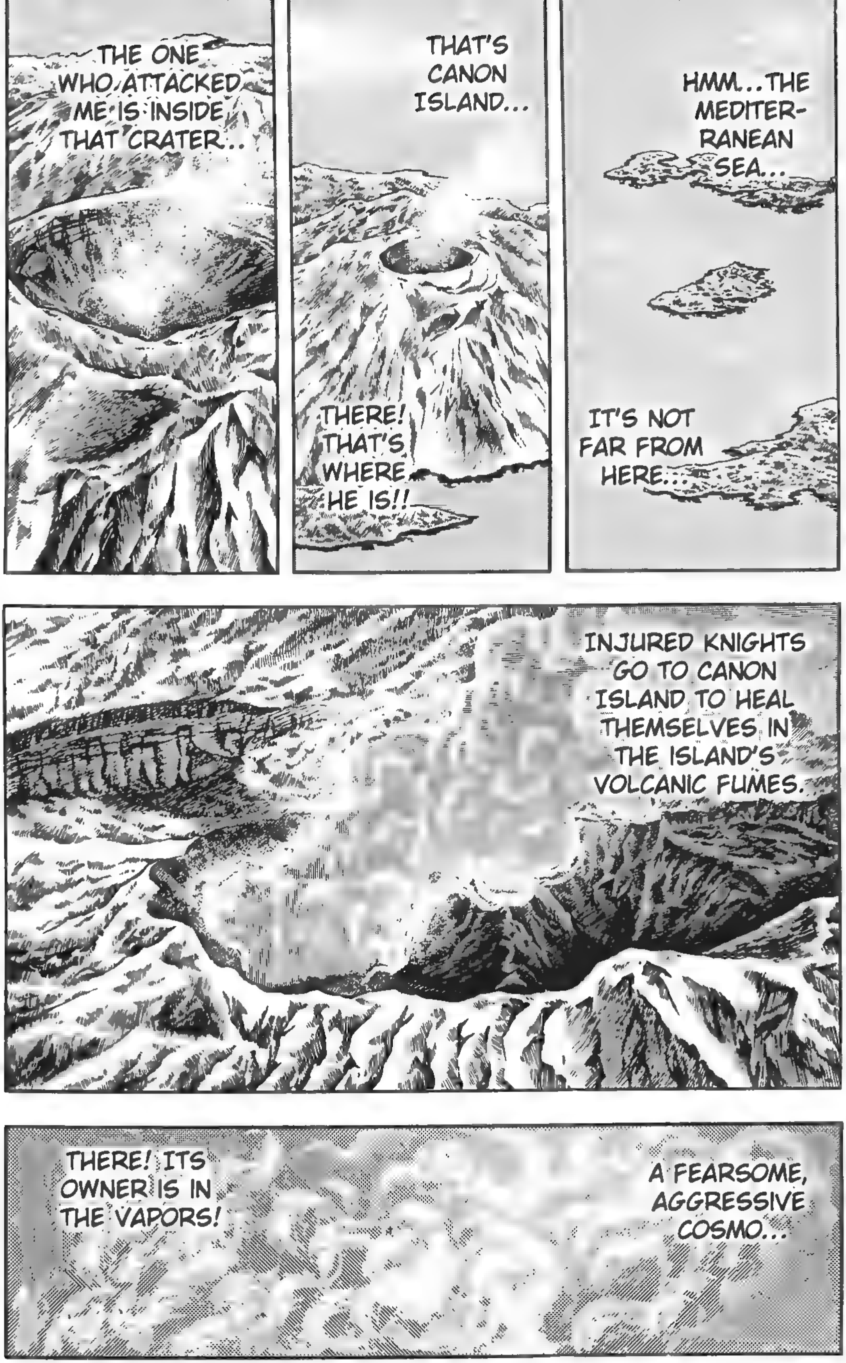
BEHOLD! THE GAPING MAW OF EXILE AWAITS YOU! HEH HEH HEH HEH...
FLASH
GO TO YOUR DOOM!
NOW TO SEVER YOUR OTHER CHAIN!

KRAAAK
WHAT!?
KREK
KREK
...ANDROMEDA!
FAREWELL...
SNAP

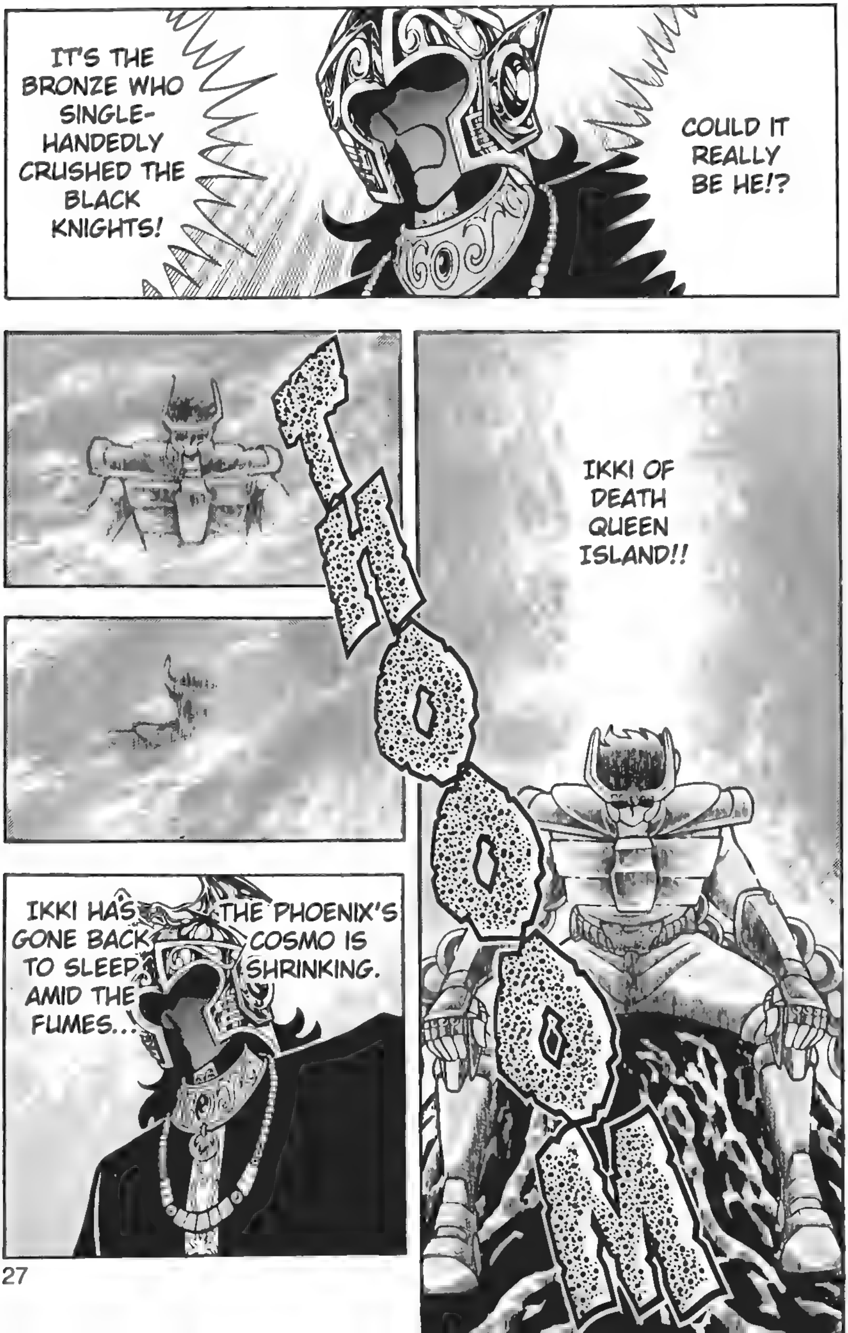

THUD
UNH!
WHAT HAPPENED ?
THE GEMINI KNIGHT IS GONE!
THE WHOLE LABYRINTH HAS VANISHED! THERE'S THE WAY OUT!!

WHO DARES TO DISTURB MY MEDITATION AND DELIVER A JOLT DIRECTLY TO MY BRAIN!?
WHO DID THAT!?
DOOOM
ATHENA!?
PREPOS-TEROUS! WHO COULD DO SUCH A THING?
PEGASUS AND DRAGON ARE ON THEIR WAY TO THE PALACE OF THE GIANT CRAB...
N-NO... NOT HER.
PRINCESS SIENNA LIES UNCONSCIOUS WITH THE GOLDEN ARROW IN HER BREAST.


NO... NOT RÔSHI, EITHER.
COULD IT HAVE BEEN RÔSHI...?
ALDEBARAN IS IN THE PALACE OF THE GOLDEN BULL.
MÛ IS IN THE PALACE OF THE GOLDEN RAM.
HE SITS BESIDE THE GREAT WATERFALL OF GOROHO!
WHAT KNIGHT BUT MÛ OR RÔSHI COULD DELIVER A JOLT DIRECTLY TO MY BRAIN!?
THEN WHO WAS IT?

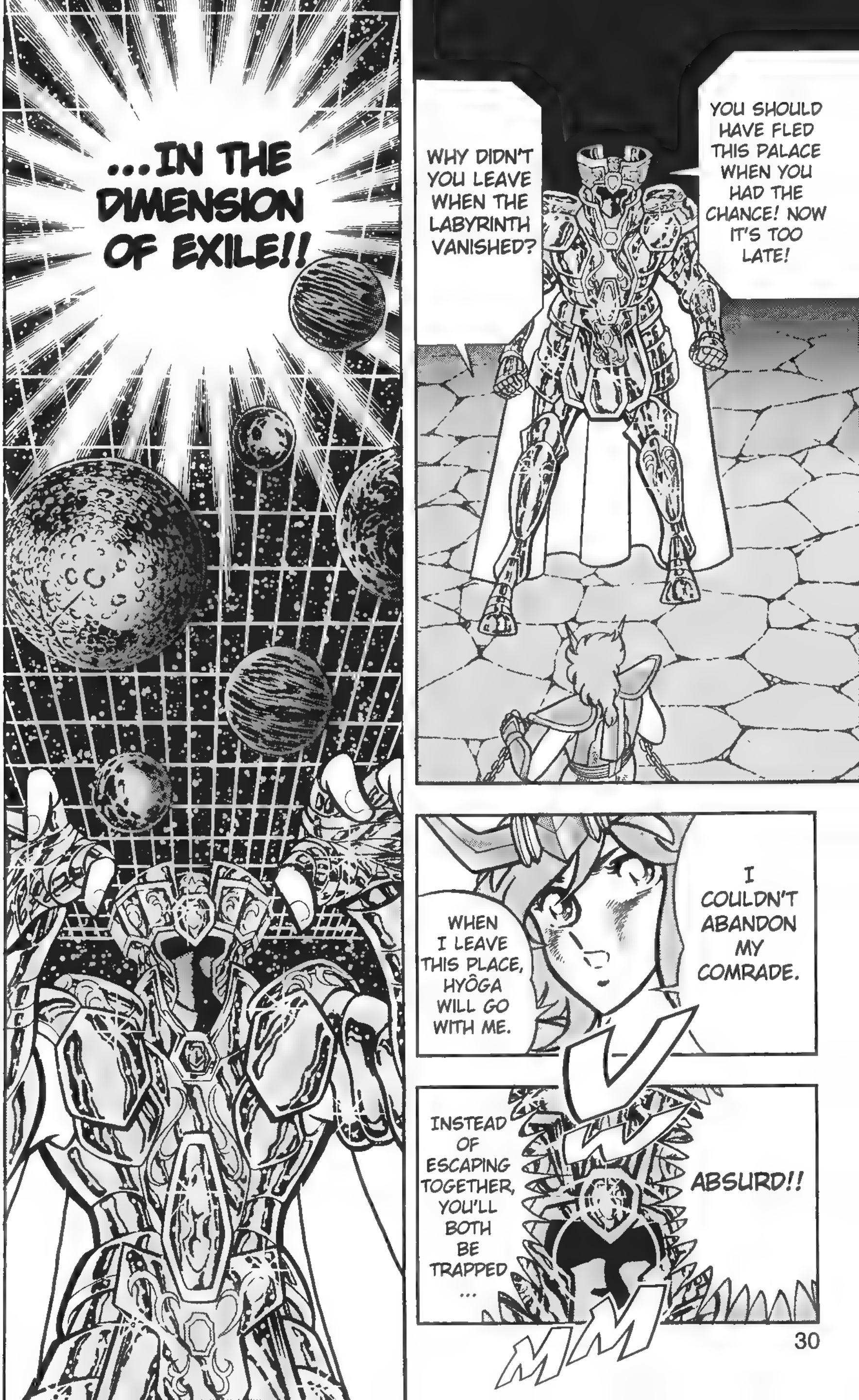

HMM...THE MEDITER-RANEAN SEA...
IT'S NOT FAR FROM HERE...
THAT'S CANON ISLAND...
THERE! THAT'S WHERE HE IS!!
THE ONE WHO ATTACKED ME IS INSIDE THAT CRATER...
INJURED KNIGHTS GO TO CANON ISLAND TO HEAL THEMSELVES IN THE ISLAND'S VOLCANIC FUMES.
A FEARSOME, AGGRESSIVE COSMO...
THERE! ITS OWNER IS IN THE VAPORS!

PHOENIX!!


COULD IT REALLY BE HE!?
IT'S THE BRONZE WHO SINGLE-HANDEDLY CRUSHED THE BLACK KNIGHTS!
IKKI OF DEATH QUEEN ISLAND!!
THE PHOENIX'S COSMO IS SHRINKING.
IKKI HAS GONE BACK TO SLEEP AMID THE FUMES...

J-JUST NOW, I SENSED IKKI'S COSMO, BUT...
BIG BROTHER!!
MY BROTHER ISN'T FAR FROM HERE!!
THAT'S RIGHT... AFTER HYÔGA FROZE IKKI'S ARM, HE TOLD HIM TO GO TO CANON ISLAND TO HEAL HIMSELF.
I'M SURE OF IT...
SOMEHOW, HE SAVED ME JUST NOW...

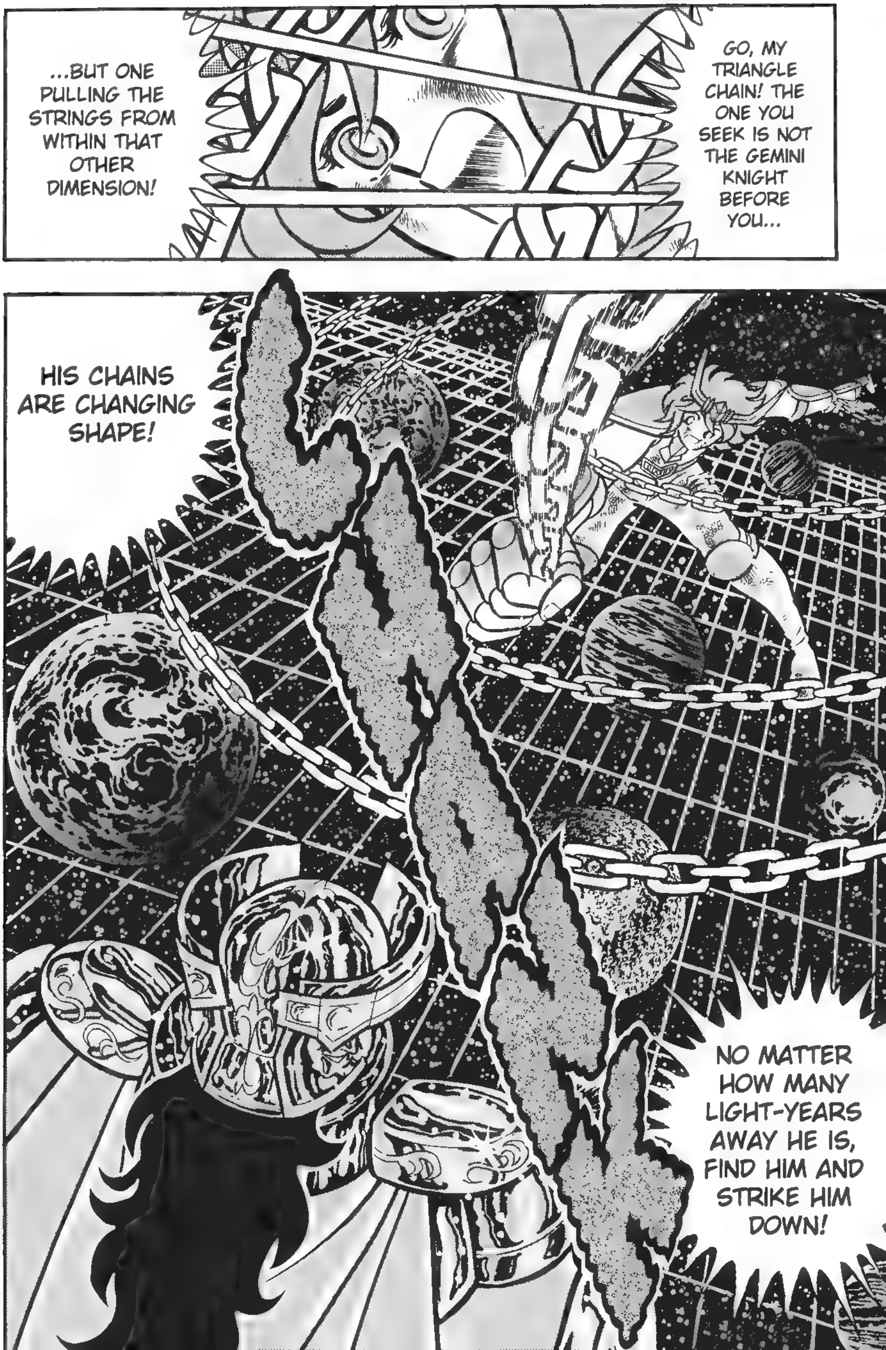
OTHERWISE, HYÔGA WILL DRIFT IN LIMBO FOR ETERNITY!
THANKS TO MY BROTHER, THE GEMINI KNIGHT AND THE LABYRINTH ARE GONE.
I CAN LEAVE THIS PALACE NOW...
BUT IF I DO THAT, WHAT WILL BECOME OF HYÔGA?
I CAN'T ABANDON HIM.
I'VE GOT TO LOOSE AT LEAST ONE ARROW AT THE MAKER OF THESE ILLUSIONS.
HEH HEH HEH HEH. FOOL!


YOU SHOULD HAVE FLED THIS PALACE WHEN YOU HAD THE CHANCE! NOW IT'S TOO LATE!
WHY DIDN'T YOU LEAVE WHEN THE LABYRINTH VANISHED?
I COULDN'T ABANDON MY COMRADE.
WHEN I LEAVE THIS PLACE, HYÔGA WILL GO WITH ME.
ABSURD!!
INSTEAD OF ESCAPING TOGETHER, YOU'LL BOTH BE TRAPPED ...
MM
...IN THE DIMENSION OF EXILE!!

HEH HEH HEH... THERE IT BECKONS...
...THE PORTAL TO THAT OTHER DIMENSION!
HEH HEH HEH! POOR ANDROMEDA, THIS TIME YOU'RE FINISHED! YOU'LL DRIFT FOR ETERNITY!
THE PHOENIX'S COSMO HAS SUBSIDED. HE'S SETTLED BACK TO SLEEP IN THE FUMES.
IKKI WILL NOT COME TO YOUR RESCUE AGAIN!

WH-WHAT? ANDROMEDA'S CHAINS HAVE ENCIRCLED HIS BODY.
HIS COSMO IS FLARING...
MY DEAR GEMINI! DO YOU KNOW WHY ANDROMEDA HAS TWO CHAINS?
THE BROKEN LINKS ARE REPAIRING THEMSELVES...
THE CIRCLE CHAIN ON MY LEFT HAND IS FOR DEFENSE...
...AND THE TRIANGLE CHAIN ON MY RIGHT HAND IS FOR OFFENSE.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CHAINS IS USUALLY SLIGHT, BUT WHEN MY COSMO FLARES FOR BATTLE, THEIR SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS BECOME CLEAR!
THE CIRCLE CHAIN PROTECTS ME WITH A WALL OF STEEL.
THE TRIANGLE CHAIN FINDS AND ATTACKS THE ENEMY WHEREVER HE MAY BE...
I DON'T LIKE TO HURT PEOPLE. EVEN NOW, AS A KNIGHT, I PREFER TO FIGHT ONLY IN SELF-DEFENSE...
BUT TO RESCUE MY FRIEND AND BROTHER HYÔGA, I'LL GO ON THE ATTACK!

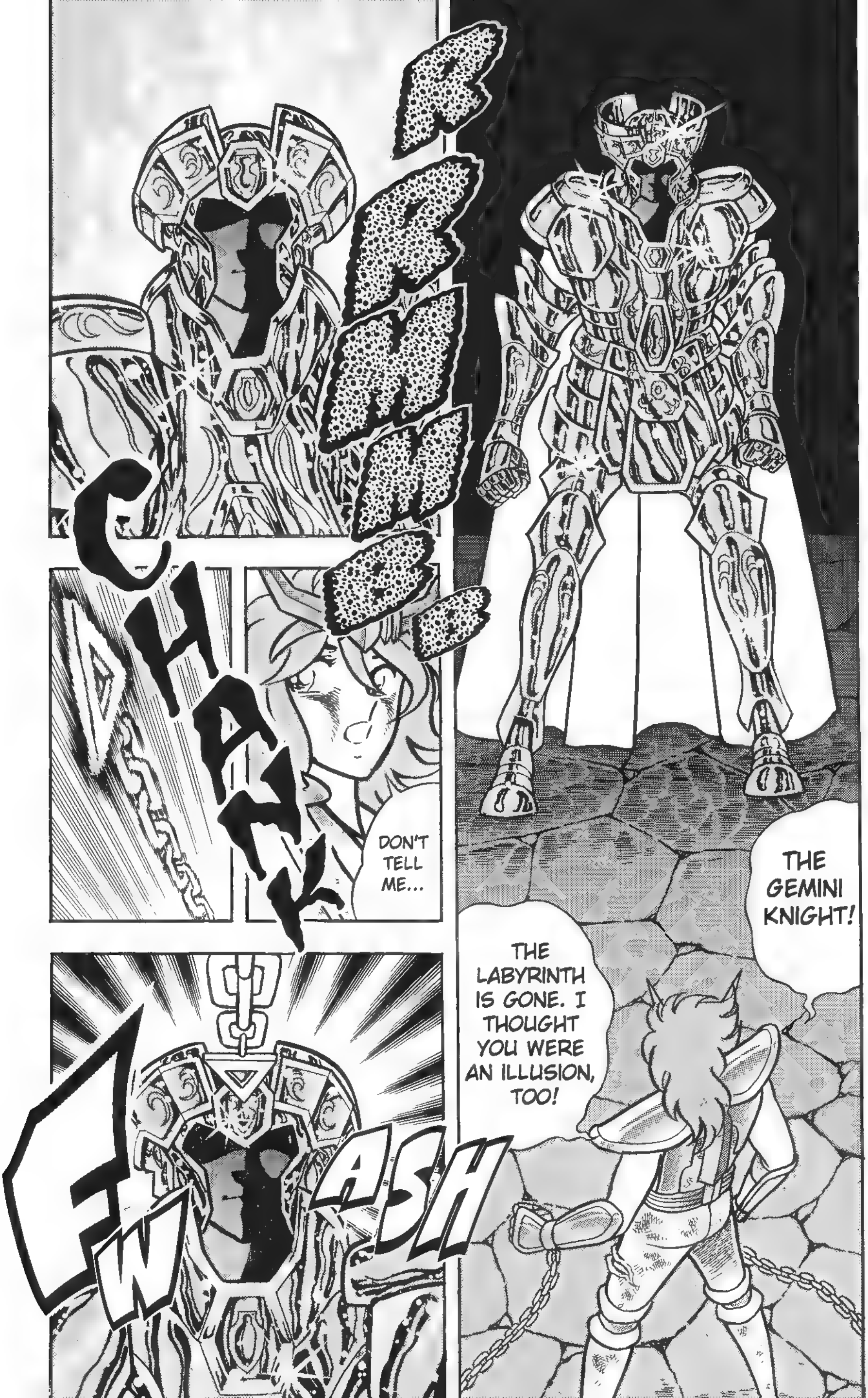

GO, MY TRIANGLE CHAIN! THE ONE YOU SEEK IS NOT THE GEMINI KNIGHT BEFORE YOU...
...BUT ONE PULLING THE STRINGS FROM WITHIN THAT OTHER DIMENSION!
HIS CHAINS ARE CHANGING SHAPE!
NO MATTER HOW MANY LIGHT-YEARS AWAY HE IS, FIND HIM AND STRIKE HIM DOWN!

THUNDER WAVE!!
FWOOOSH
BOOOM
UNH!
KREESH

HAH!!
SHINK
N-NO! IT CROSSED INTER-DIMENSIONAL SPACE TO STRIKE ME!

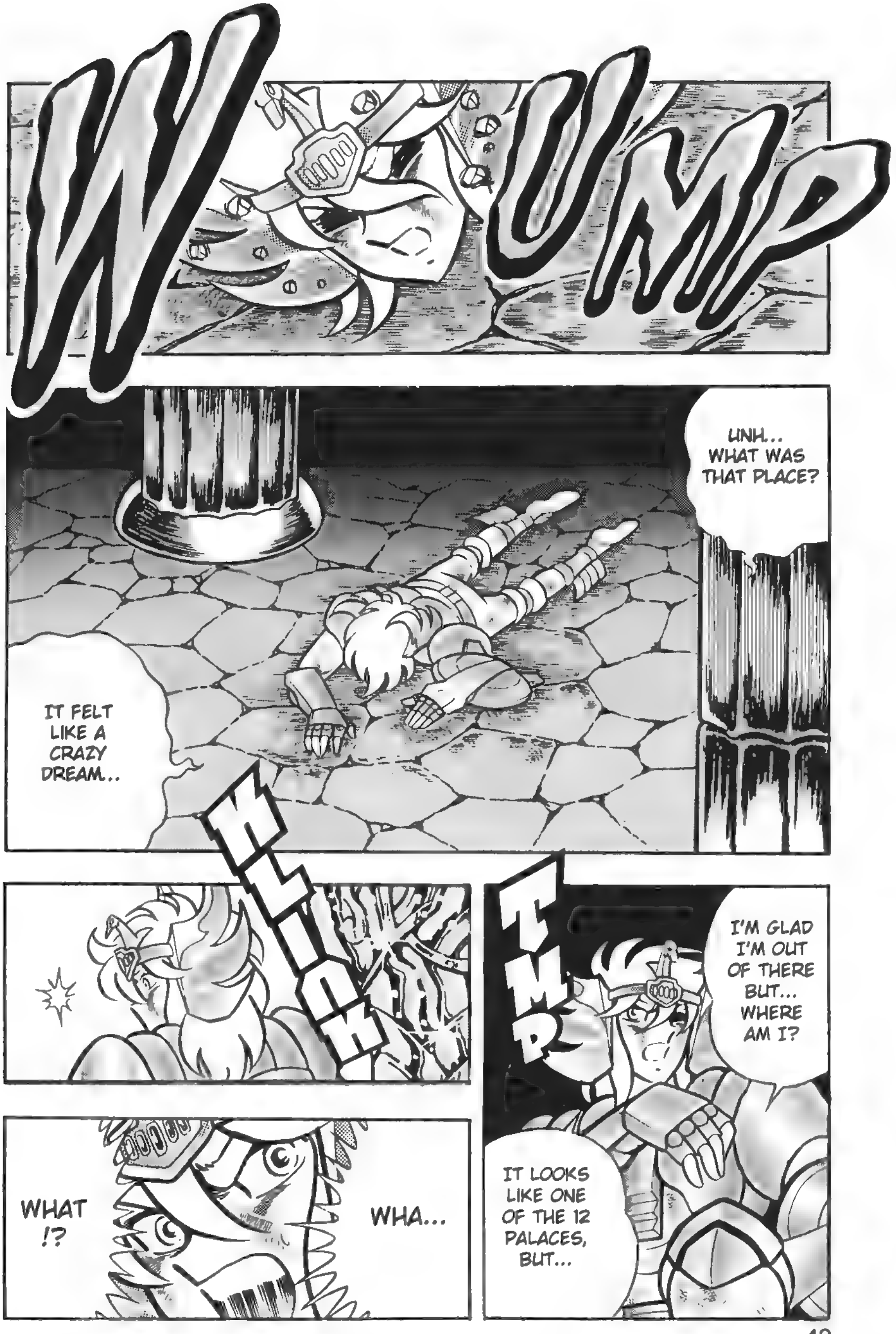
READ THIS WAY

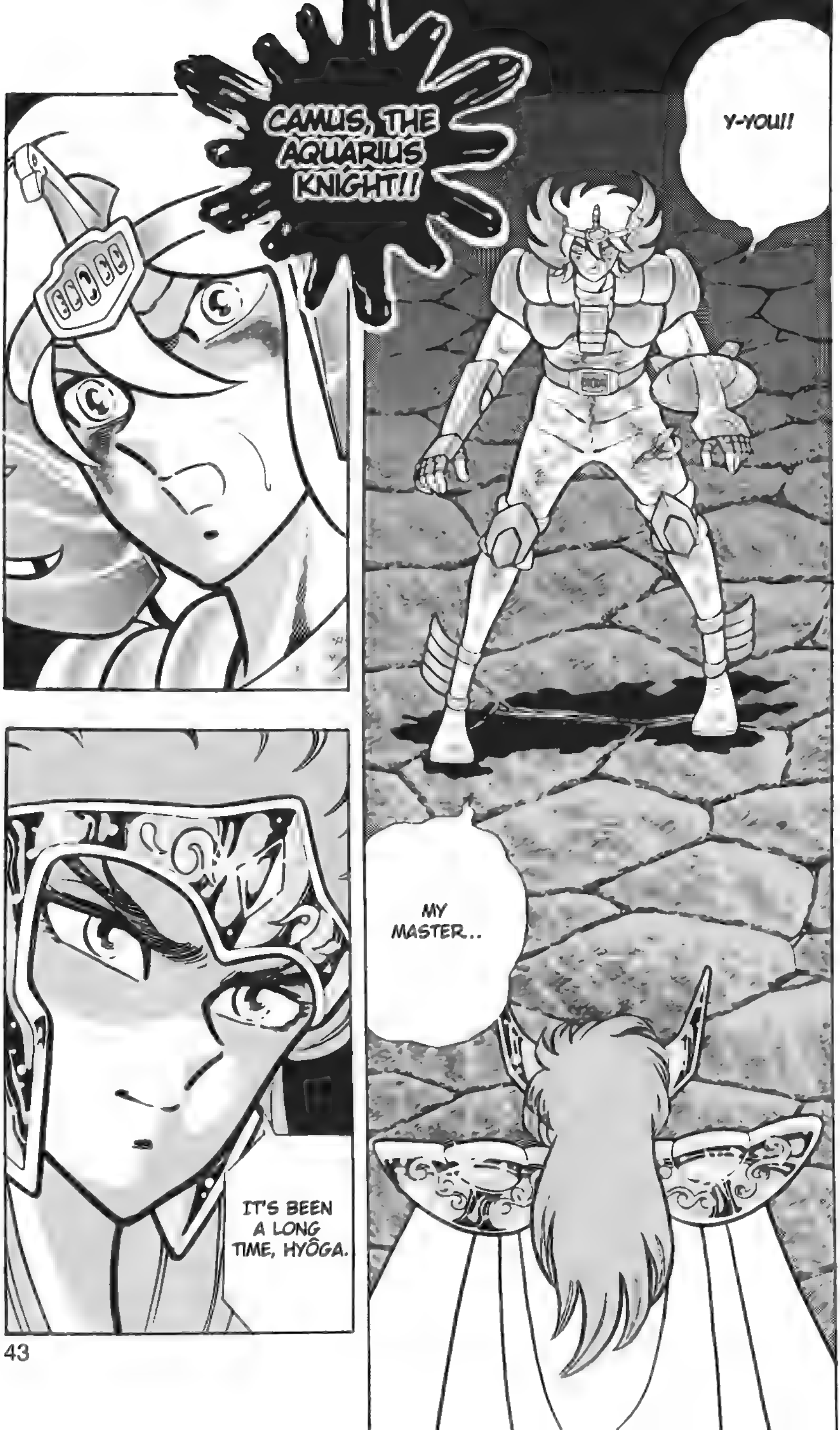
THE TRIANGLE CHAIN HAS RETURNED.
KLINK KLINK KLINK
IT MUST HAVE DONE SOME DAMAGE, BECAUSE THE MAZE HAS DISAPPEARED.
IT SEEMS TO HAVE STRUCK SOMETHING.
WHAT'S THIS!?
SOME SORT OF ROSARY ENTANGLED IN THE CHAIN?
THIS MAY BE THE KEY TO THE ENEMY'S TRUE IDENTITY, BUT...
TWITCH

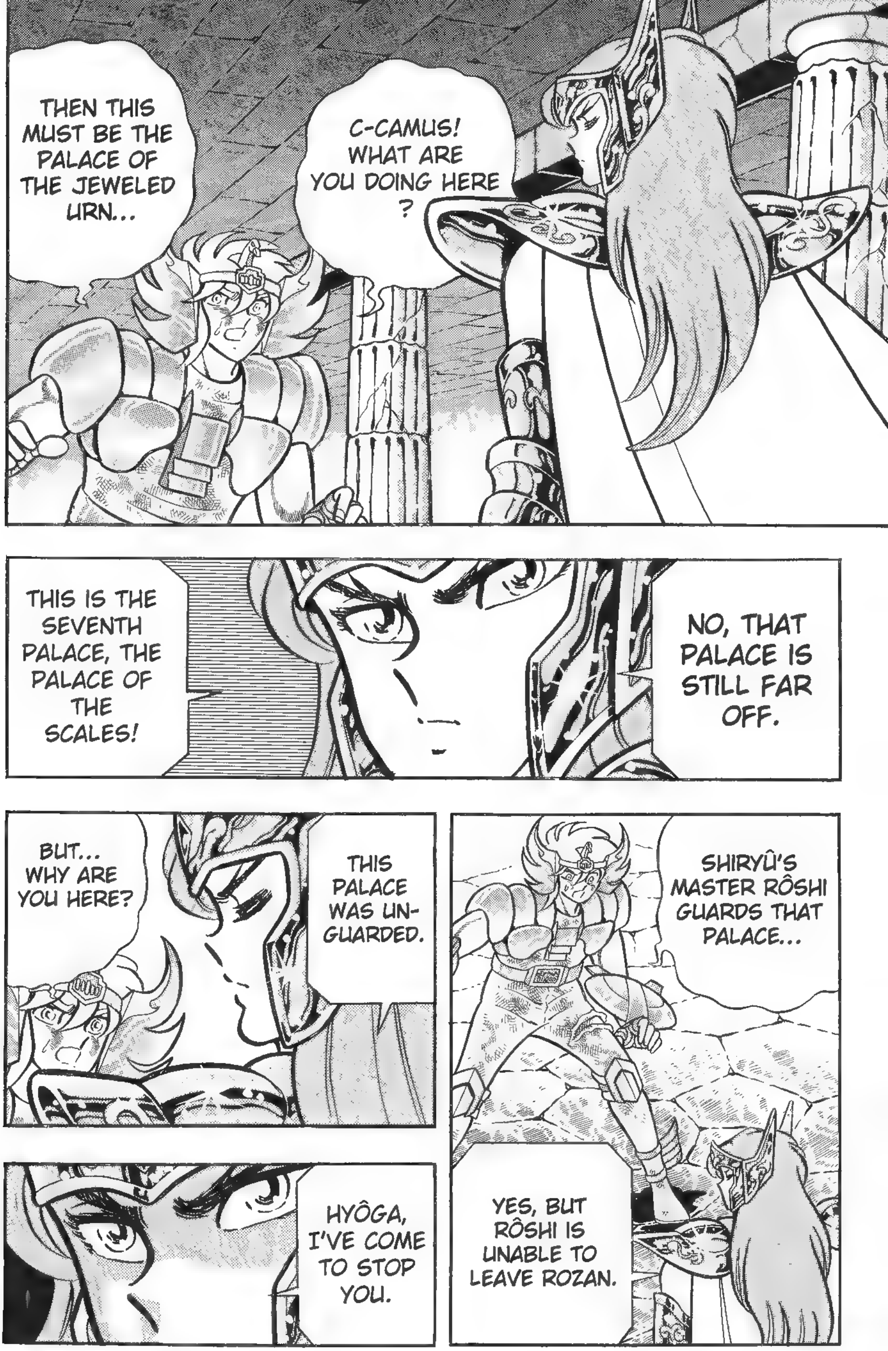

DON'T TELL ME...
THE GEMINI KNIGHT!
THE LABYRINTH IS GONE. I THOUGHT YOU WERE AN ILLUSION, TOO!

KLANK
KLANK
KLANK
KLANK
FWOOSH

READ THIS WAY


WUMP
UNH... WHAT WAS THAT PLACE?
IT FELT LIKE A CRAZY DREAM...
KLICK
TMP
I'M GLAD I'M OUT OF THERE BUT... WHERE AM I?
IT LOOKS LIKE ONE OF THE 12 PALACES, BUT...
WHA...
WHAT !?


Y-YOU!!
CAMUS, THE AQUARIUS KNIGHT!!
MY MASTER...
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, HYÔGA.


THEN THIS MUST BE THE PALACE OF THE JEWELED URN...
C-CAMUS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
THIS IS THE SEVENTH PALACE, THE PALACE OF THE SCALES!
NO, THAT PALACE IS STILL FAR OFF.
BUT... WHY ARE YOU HERE?
THIS PALACE WAS UN-GUARDED.
SHIRYÛ'S MASTER RÔSHI GUARDS THAT PALACE...
YES, BUT RÔSHI IS UNABLE TO LEAVE ROZAN.
HYÔGA, I'VE COME TO STOP YOU.

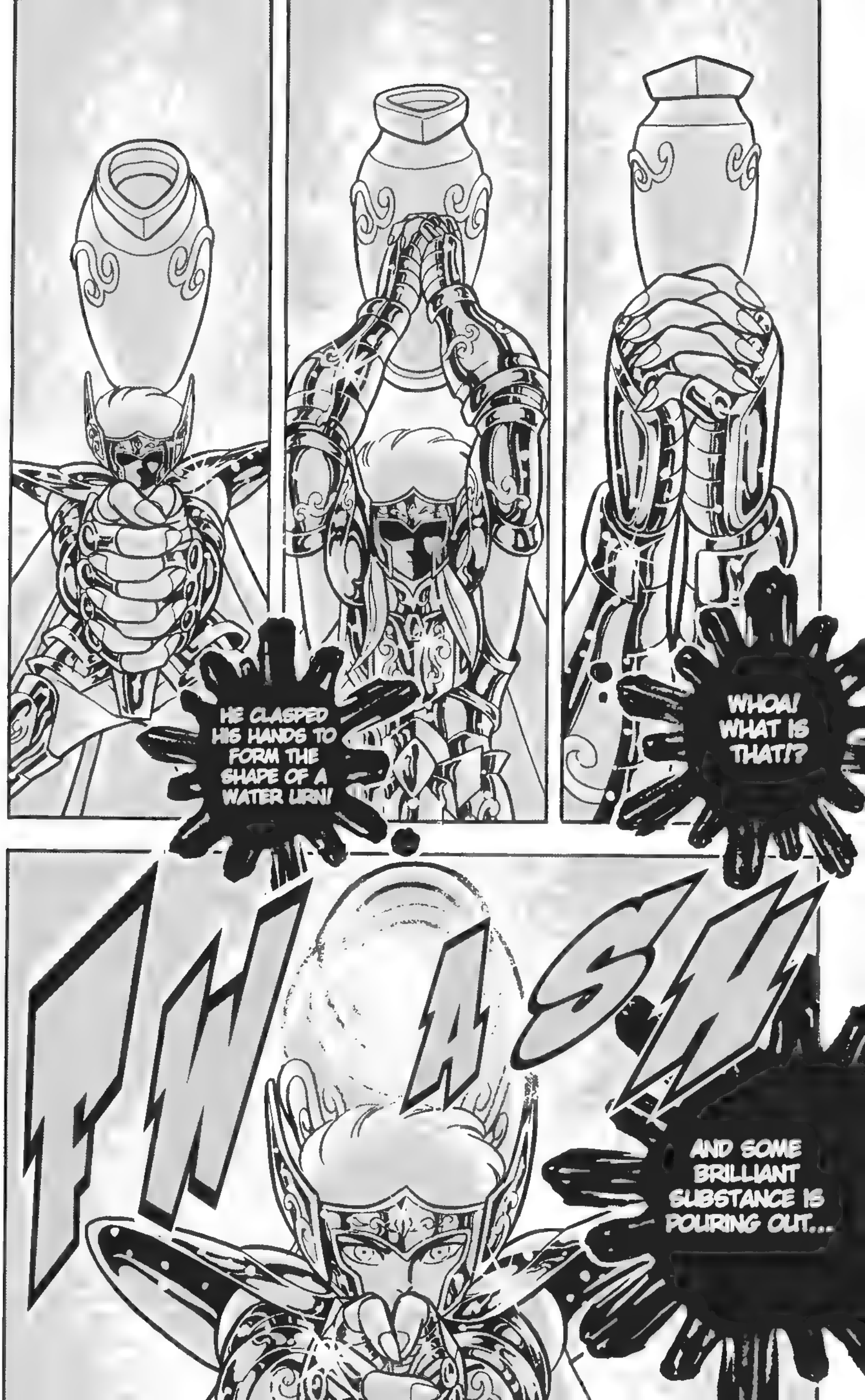
READ THIS WAY

KRASH
IF YOU WANT TO GO ON, HYÔGA, YOU'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH ME.
UNH... I CAN'T...
I WON'T DO THAT, EITHER ...
I CAN'T RAISE MY HAND AGAINST YOU...

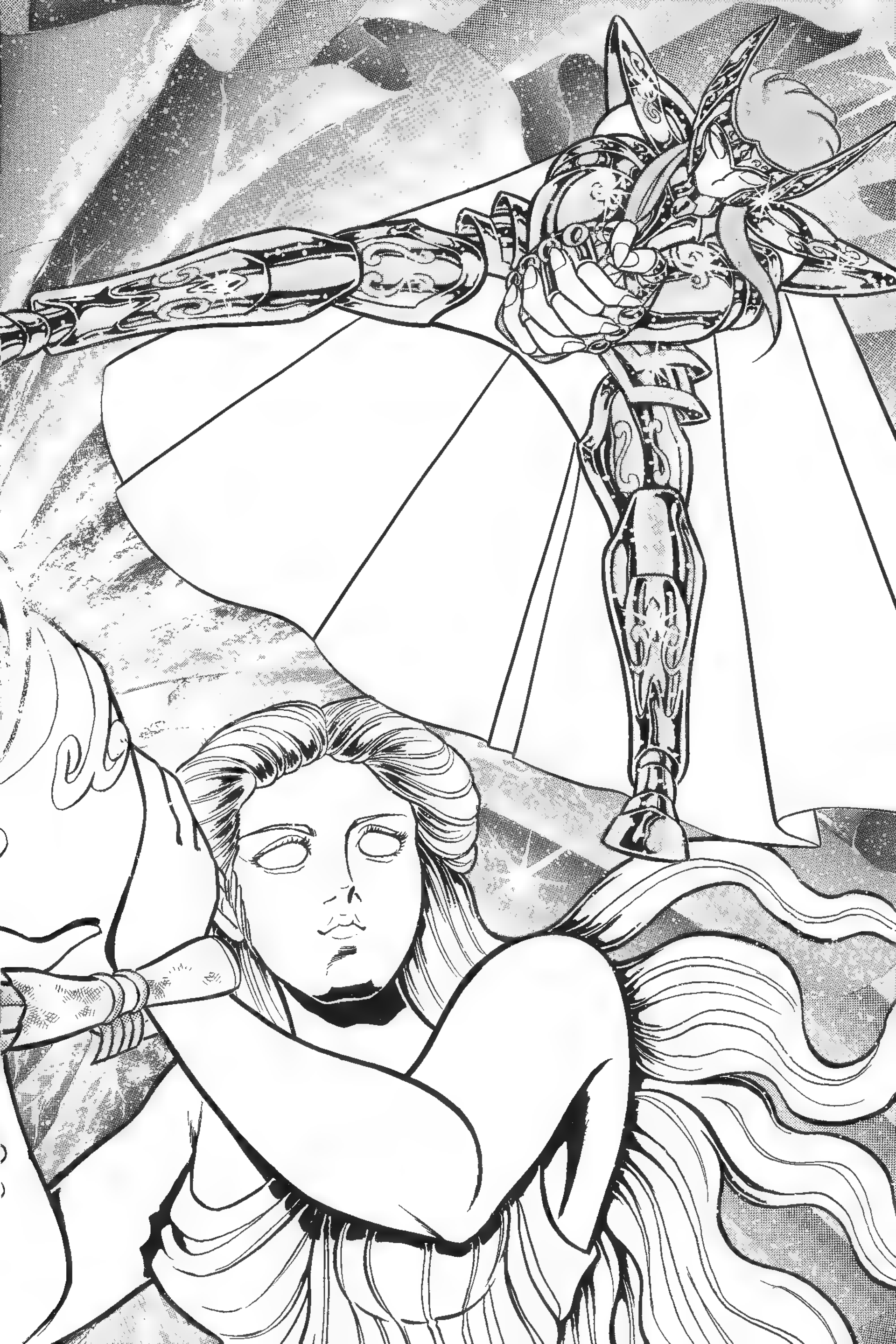
HEH. AFTER ALL THIS TIME, YOU STILL STINK OF MOTHER'S MILK.
YOU STILL AREN'T A MAN, EVEN AFTER I SANK YOUR MOTHER'S SEPULCHRE IN THE SIBERIAN TRENCH...
DOOM
BA-BUMP
I KNEW THAT WAS YOUR DOING! WHY?
THERE, I COULD VISIT MY DEAD MOTHER. IT WAS THE ONLY PLACE WHERE MY HEART COULD FIND PEACE!!
SHE WAS THE ONE PRECIOUS THING I HAD. WHY!?

STOP WHINING! I DID IT TO MAKE YOU STRONG. YOUR DEVOTION TO YOUR DEAD MOTHER WAS A FATAL WEAK-NESS.
IF YOU THINK THAT'S UNFAIR, ATTACK ME, HYÔGA!
UGH... I CAN'T FOR-GIVE EVEN YOU FOR THAT...
DIAMOND DUST !!

UNH! HE BLOCKED MY ICY BLAST!
WHAP
YOU'RE FOOLISH, HYÔGA. IT WAS I WHO TAUGHT YOU THAT TRICK.
WHOOSH
YOU'LL HAVE TO DO A LOT BETTER THAN THAT, OR YOU'LL BE KILLED FOR SURE!
IF THAT'S THE CASE, AS YOUR MASTER, I'LL PREPARE YOUR REQUIEM!
UNH!


HE CLASPED HIS HANDS TO FORM THE SHAPE OF A WATER URN!
WHOA! WHAT IS THAT!?
FWASH
AND SOME BRILLIANT SUBSTANCE IS POURING OUT...

WOOSH



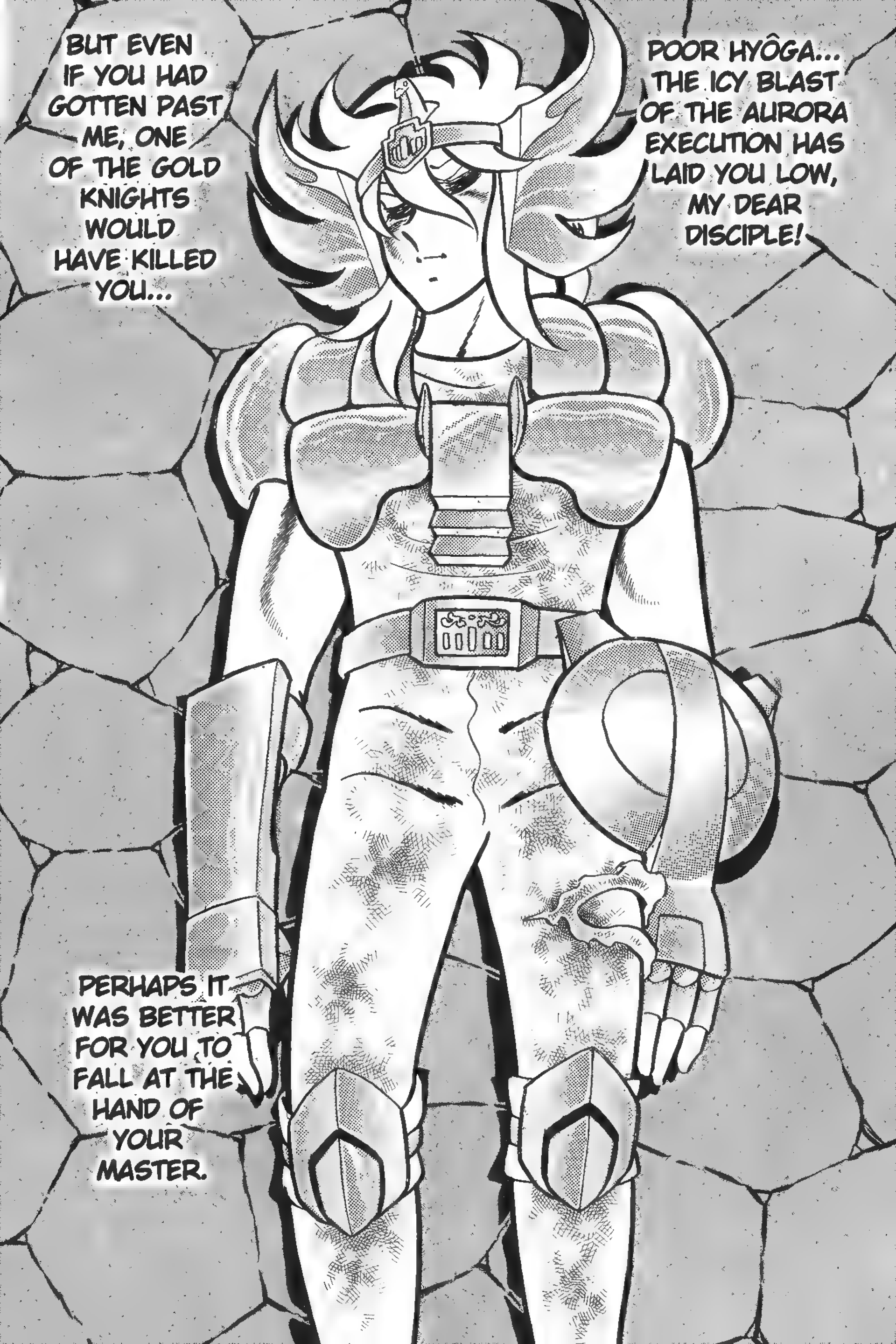
AURORA EXECUTION !!

HYÔGA, YOUR FATHER LIVES BEYOND THIS SEA...
HE'S A WONDERFUL MAN WHO LOVES JUSTICE AND PEACE. YOU MUST WORK HARD SO THAT SOMEDAY YOU CAN HELP HIM WITH HIS WORK.
DO YOU UNDER-STAND, HYÔGA?

DO SVIDANYA.*
FAREWELL, HYÔGA...
*RUSSIAN FOR "GOODBYE."
FAREWELL ...
FAREWELL ...
FAREWELL ...
FAREWELL ...
FAREWELL ...

FLINCH
HYÔGA!!
IT CAN'T BE!
TH-THAT COSMO...
YES! HYÔGA'S COSMO BLAZED HOT FOR AN INSTANT.
THEN IT COMPLETELY DISAPPEARED ...
DID YOU FEEL IT TOO, SEIYA!?
TMP
SHIRYÛ!!

NO...
I HOPE NOT...
HAS HYÔGA'S LIFE FORCE BURNED OUT!?


POOR HYÔGA... THE ICY BLAST OF THE AURORA EXECUTION HAS LAID YOU LOW, MY DEAR DISCIPLE!
BUT EVEN IF YOU HAD GOTTEN PAST ME, ONE OF THE GOLD KNIGHTS WOULD HAVE KILLED YOU...
PERHAPS IT WAS BETTER FOR YOU TO FALL AT THE HAND OF YOUR MASTER.

FORGIVE ME, HYÔGA. YOU WERE ONLY EIGHT YEARS OLD WHEN YOU ARRIVED IN SIBERIA TO TRAIN TO BECOME A KNIGHT.
FOR SIX YEARS, I RAISED YOU AND TRAINED YOU ON THOSE FROZEN PLAINS.
IT WAS I WHO OBTAINED THE MASTER'S PERMISSION TO BESTOW UPON YOU THE SWAN CLOTH THAT SLEPT IN THE GLACIAL RIDGE...
...AND I WHO SENT YOU TO EXECUTE JAPAN'S BRONZE KNIGHTS ON THE MASTER'S ORDERS.
NOW THAT YOU HAVE REBELLED AGAINST THE MASTER AND SANCTUARY, I HAVE SENT YOU TO YOUR GRAVE.
SO WITH MY OWN HANDS I WILL BUILD YOUR COFFIN AND LAY YOU TO REST...

YOUR COFFIN OF ICE WILL NEVER MELT.
NOT EVEN THE COM-BINED POWERS OF SEVERAL GOLD KNIGHTS COULD DESTROY IT.
YOUR FLESH WILL NOT DECAY, THOUGH YOUR SOUL HAS FLED TO THE HEAVENS.
SLEEP FOR ETERNITY IN THIS LONELY PALACE OF THE SCALES, MY DEAR HYÔGA. FAREWELL...

MORTAL COMBAT IN THE PALACE OF THE GIANT CRAB
WE'RE HERE, SHIRYÛ! WE'VE REACHED THE FOURTH PALACE!!
SEIYA! LEAVE THE PALACE OF THE GIANT CRAB TO ME, AND GO ON TO THE PALACE OF THE LION!
HUH?
GEMINI'S FLAME HAS BURNED OUT. WE ONLY HAVE NINE HOURS TO SAVE PRINCESS SIENNA. AND I'M WORRIED ABOUT HYÔGA.
JUST BEFORE HIS COSMO DISAP-PEARED, I'M SURE I FELT IT FLARE IN ONE OF THE PALACES AHEAD.
HYÔGA'S IN TROUBLE. YOU HAVE TO GET TO HIM RIGHT AWAY. IT'S UP TO YOU, SEIYA!
A-ALL RIGHT, I'LL GO ON!

GEEZ, THIS IS THE GLOOMIEST PALACE YET.
THE MOMENT WE GOT HERE, IT WAS LIKE WE'D WANDERED INTO A GRAVEYARD.
YES... I SEEM TO SENSE DEATH ALL AROUND US.
DOOOOM
WAIT, SEIYA...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, SHIRYÛ?
WHAT?
I JUST STEPPED ON SOMETHING WEIRD. WILL YOU LOOK DOWN AT MY FEET FOR ME?
WHOA! WHAT THE...!?

A HUMAN FACE!!
A FACE!!
THEY'RE ON THE WALLS AND CEILING, TOO! HUNDREDS OF FACES...

UNH!
WH-
WHAT!?
A FACE?
WHAT'S A
FACE DOING
THERE!?
HOW
HOR-
RIBLE
!
SHIRYU, IT'S
NOT JUST
ONE! THEY'RE
ALL OVER
THE FLOOR...
THE WHOLE
PALACE IS
FILLED WITH
THE FACES OF
DEAD PEOPLE!!

MEPHISTO!
HUH?
MEPHISTO? THE CANCER KNIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT. HE KNOWS THE MASTER'S EVIL, BUT CHOOSES TO SERVE HIM ANYWAY. HE DOESN'T DESERVE TO BE A GOLD KNIGHT!
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH. SHOCKED, GIRLS?
WHAT!?
MOUTHY AS EVER, I SEE. BUT YOUR DEATH MASKS WILL SOON BE ADDED TO MY COLLECTION!

...SO THEY WANDER THE PALACE OF THE GIANT CRAB, WHICH I GUARD. SOME ARE RESENTFUL, OTHERS SORROWFUL, AND SOME WEAR EXPRESSIONS OF TORMENT.
THESE ARE THE DEATH MASKS OF ALL MY VICTIMS. THEIR SOULS CAN'T RISE AND FIND REST IN THE HEAVENS...
DO YOU UNDERSTAND, BOYS? THIS IS WHY I'M CALLED MEPHISTO! HEH HEH HEH HEH...
BUT THESE DEATH MASKS ARE PROOF OF MY VICTORIES AND TROPHIES TO MY STRENGTH.

BUT... I SEE A LOT OF CHILDREN'S FACES, TOO.
WHAT!?
WAAAH
WAAAH
WAAAH
MEPHISTO, ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU KILLED ALL THESE LITTLE KIDS?
AS IN ANY WAR, A FEW CIVILIANS GET KILLED. BOMBS GO AWRY. HEH HEH HEH HEH...
WHO KNOWS? MAYBE A FEW BRATS GOT SPLATTERED IN THE CROSSFIRE WHEN I WAS DESTROYING MY ENEMIES -- COLLATERAL DAMAGE IN MY WAR ON EVIL.
MEPHISTO, YOU DON'T DESERVE TO WEAR THAT GOLD CLOTH! I SWEAR ON THE GOOD NAME OF THE KNIGHTS THAT I WILL TAKE YOU DOWN!
SHUT UP! A KNIGHT DOESN'T KEEP THE FACES OF CHILDREN ON HIS WALL AS TROPHIES! A TRUE KNIGHT PROTECTS THE WEAK AND INNOCENT!

HURRY! THERE ARE STILL EIGHT PALACES LEFT!
OKAY. I TRUST YOUR STRENGTH, SHIRYÛ...
BUT... WILL YOU BE ALL RIGHT ON YOUR OWN?
SEIYA, GO ON TO THE PALACE OF THE LION, AS WE AGREED!
I'LL SETTLE IT RIGHT HERE AND NOW!
VERY WELL, SHIRYÛ. WE DO HAVE UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM GOROHO, I SUPPOSE.
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING, PEGASUS!?
THUMP
STOP, MEPHISTO! I TOLD YOU, I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU DOWN MYSELF!
HUH?

AS I TOLD YOU ONCE, MY SOUL MIST IS THE PORTAL THROUGH WHICH THE SOULS OF THE DEAD ASCEND TO THE UNDER-WORLD!
UNDERWORLD PORTAL CONFINEMENT!!
I'LL SEND YOU TO THE LAND OF THE DEAD, BOY!!
UNH!

WHAT'S THIS WHITE MIST COILING AROUND ME!?
I CAN'T MOVE-- IT'S LIKE I'M TIED WITH ROPES!!
AAAH! I'M BEING SUCKED THROUGH THE UNDERWORLD PORTAL!

HEY! I CAN SEE!
WHERE AM I!?
WHAT A RUGGED PLACE THIS IS, FULL OF DARK BOULDERS ...

WHO ARE ALL THOSE PEOPLE!?
WHERE HAS MEPHISTO'S UNDERWORLD PORTAL CON-FINEMENT SENT ME?
A SILENT MULTI-TUDE SLOUCHING TOWARD... WHAT?
WHERE ARE THEY GOING? WHY ARE THEY SO QUIET?
WAIT, IS THAT...?
HYÔGA!!

THAT'S HIM!
HYÔGA! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
WAIT, HYÔGA!
CAN'T YOU HEAR ME!?
YOU MUST NOT GO THAT WAY!
HUH!?
PRINCESS SIENNA!!

READ THIS WAY

WH-
WHAT!?
IMPOSSIBLE!!
SHIRYÛ HAS COME BACK TO LIFE!!

READ THIS WAY

WHAT!?
AAAH!!
WHAM

I SAW YOUR RISING DRAGON BLOW ONCE ALREADY AT GOROHO!
FOOL! AGAINST A GOLD KNIGHT, YOU CAN'T SIMPLY USE THE SAME MOVE OVER AND OVER!
KRASH
UGH!
H-HE REFLECTED IT BACK WITH ONE HAND... MY RISING DRAGON BLOW THAT CAN REVERSE THE FLOW OF THE GREAT WATERFALL...
FOR YOU TO DEFEAT ME, YOU'D HAVE TO RAISE YOUR COSMO TO THE LEVEL OF A GOLD KNIGHT'S!
THERE'S A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOLD AND BRONZE. YOU NEVER REALLY HAD A CHANCE!
AND THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
NOW, SHIRYÛ, THIS TIME I'LL SEND YOU TO THE LAND OF THE DEAD FOR GOOD! I'LL INJURE YOU SO SEVERELY THAT YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO RETURN!

AAAAAAH!!
UNDERWORLD PORTAL CONFINEMENT!!

READ THIS WAY

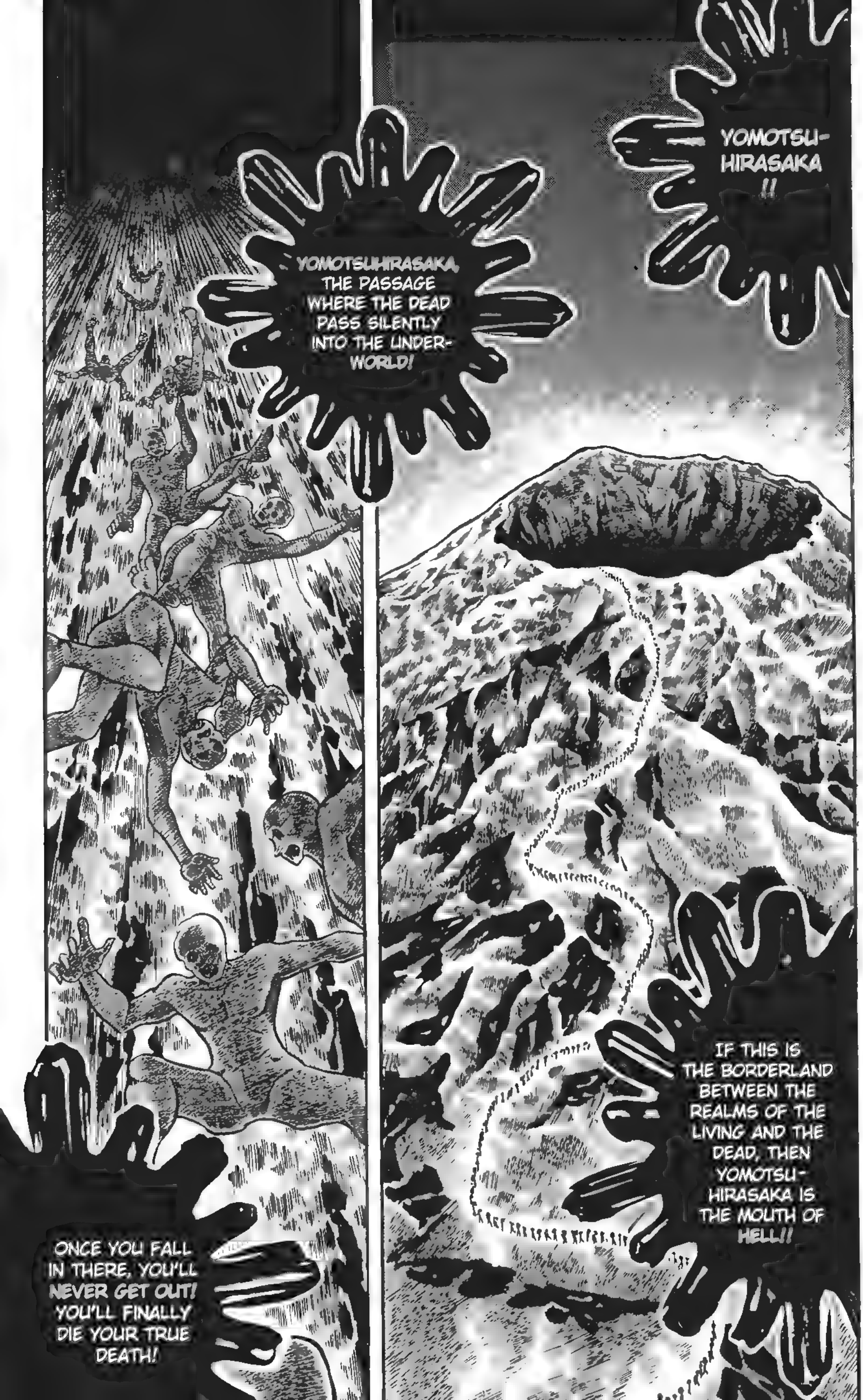
ZAP
THAT OBNOXIOUS AURA...
NOT SOME AGGRESSIVE COSMO, MORE LIKE... A PRAYER. I DON'T LIKE IT...
DON'T TELL ME THAT SHIRYÛ'S GOING TO RETURN FROM THE UNDER-WORLD YET AGAIN!
I'LL JUST HAVE TO HURL HIM INTO THE PIT WITH MY OWN HANDS.
KRASH

UNH... I CAN SEE AGAIN...
I-I'M BACK IN THIS PLACE...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
BUT I HAVE NO MORE STRENGTH... A GOLD KNIGHT WAS TOO POWERFUL FOR ME, AFTER ALL...
HUFF
HUFF
AT THIS RATE, PRINCESS SIENNA AND HYÔGA WILL BE DOOMED ALONG WITH ME...
SUNREI?
I FEEL SUNREI PRAYING FOR ME IN FAR-OFF GOROHO!!

SIX YEARS EARLIER...
ARE YOU THE ONE WHO HAS COME ALL THE WAY FROM JAPAN TO TRAIN TO BECOME A KNIGHT?
YES, I'M SHIRYÛ!
TO BECOME A KNIGHT, YOU MUST ENDURE HARSH, STRENUOUS TRAINING SURPASSING ALL IMAGINATION. WILL YOU BE ABLE TO STAND IT, SHIRYÛ?
YES! I'LL DO WHAT-EVER IT TAKES. YOU'LL SEE! I WANT TO BECOME STRONG MORE THAN ANYTHING!
HEE HEE...
YOU'RE SUNREI?
THAT'S RIGHT. RÔSHI RESCUED ME WHEN I WAS A BABY, AFTER I WAS ABANDONED AROUND HERE.
THEN YOU'RE AN ORPHAN, LIKE ME?
WHY DID YOU COME ALL THE WAY TO GOROHO FROM JAPAN, SHIRYÛ?
I WANT TO BECOME STRONG MORE THAN ANYTHING! THAT'S WHY I PUT UP WITH THE GRANDE FOUNDATION'S ABUSE.

SHIRYÛ, YOU TRAIN SO HARD, EVEN IN THE COLD AND RAIN. IT MUST BE DIFFICULT.
NO, RÔSHI'S STRICT, BUT HE'S KIND, TOO.
I EXPERIENCED HUMAN WARMTH FOR THE FIRST TIME HERE AT GOROHO, THANKS TO RÔSHI AND YOU...
THANK YOU, SUNREI.
SHIRYÛ...

WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ...?
M-MEPHISTO!!!
TOMP
ARGH!
HEH-- THIS TIME, YOU CAN'T WANDER OUT AGAIN!
I'VE COME TO HURL YOU INTO THE LAND OF THE DEAD ONCE AND FOR ALL!
WIP
LOOK THERE!
HAH!
BUT I'M GOING TO PUT YOU SOMEWHERE THAT EVEN I WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO ESCAPE.
I CAN ENTER AND LEAVE THE SOUL MIST GAP AT WILL, BECAUSE I CREATE IT.


YOMOTSU-HIRASAKA !!
YOMOTSUHIRASAKA, THE PASSAGE WHERE THE DEAD PASS SILENTLY INTO THE UNDER-WORLD!
IF THIS IS THE BORDERLAND BETWEEN THE REALMS OF THE LIVING AND THE DEAD, THEN YOMOTSU-HIRASAKA IS THE MOUTH OF HELL!!
ONCE YOU FALL IN THERE, YOU'LL NEVER GET OUT! YOU'LL FINALLY DIE YOUR TRUE DEATH!

GET UP, SHIRYÛ!
IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO FALL INTO YOMOTSU-HIRASAKA WITH THE OTHER LOST SOULS!
HEH... BUT AFTER BEING STRUCK TWICE BY THE UNDER-WORLD PORTAL CONFINEMENT, YOU CAN'T GET UP!
WHUP
VERY WELL-- I SHALL DRAG YOU THERE AND DROP YOU IN MYSELF.
EACH STEP BRINGS YOU CLOSER TO YOUR DOOM!
MAYBE YOU SHOULD RECITE SOME BUDDHIST PRAYERS, SHIRYÛ!

GOODBYE, SHIRYÛ!
AH HA HA HA HA!!
UNH!
UGH!
GOD, PLEASE PROTECT SHIRYÛ.
SHIRYÛ...
PLEASE.
SHIRYÛ...

S-SUNREI...
GRR... AGAIN! WHERE IS THAT PRAYER COMING FROM?
IT GRATES ON MY NERVES!
SHIRYÛ...
SHIRYÛ...
SHIRYÛ...
PLEASE, GOD...
PLEASE PROTECT SHIRYÛ.
UNH...
OH, GOD!!
IS SHE THE ONE WHO'S BEEN ANNOYING ME!?
THIS IS GOROHO!!

DIE, LITTLE WITCH!!
SHOOOM
OH!
WH-WHAT'S HAP-PENING TO ME!?
UNH!
NO, MEPHISTO!
FWOOOSH
AAAAAAH!!
WRRR

KSSS
HAH!!
HEH...SHE MUST'VE REALLY LOVED YOU.
YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO ME! I'LL SEND YOU TO THE UNDER-WORLD TOGETHER!
M-MY HAND IS BURNING!
BOOOM
AAGH!!

I'LL SHOW YOU NO MERCY!
M-MEPHISTO! I'VE NEVER HATED AN ENEMY LIKE I HATE YOU!
DIE, MEPHISTO!!
WH-WHAT? SHIRYÛ WAS HALF-DEAD, YET THE COSMO EMANATING FROM HIM IS AS STRONG AS A GOLD KNIGHT'S...

KA-BOOOOM!
MY COSMO BURNS TO DESTROY YOU!!
THIS DRAGON'S BLOOD IS BOILING!!

IT IS SAID THAT THE DRAGON GOD MERCILESSLY DESTROYS THOSE WHO TOUCH HIS PRECIOUS SCALES!
TO ANGER A DRAGON IS TO INCUR HIS TERRIBLE WRATH!!
SHKK
SHKK
SHKK
SHKK
SHKK
WHAK
KRASH
YOU ATTACKED THE PERSON DEAREST TO ME...
ACK!!

NOW YOU WILL FEEL SHIRYÛ'S WRATH!
UGH!!
HEH... HEH... ARE YOU UPSET BECAUSE I HURLED THAT LITTLE PEASANT TO HER DOOM?
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
ALL THIS FUSS OVER SOMETHING AS INCONSE-QUENTIAL AS A LIFE. YOU SENTIMENTAL FOOL.
ONLY YOUR DEATH CAN COOL MY FURY!!
STAND UP!!

THOOOOM
YOU SAID THAT THE CRATER OF YOMOTSU-HIRASAKA IS THE DOORWAY TO THE LAND OF THE DEAD! YOU SAID THAT NO ONE EVER RE-TURNS FROM THERE!
MEPHISTO, I'M GOING TO THROW YOU INTO IT!
RAAAA
WHEN YOU GET THERE, YOU CAN BEG FORGIVE-NESS OF ALL THE INNOCENT PEOPLE YOU'VE KILLED!
RISING DRAGON BLOW!
UNH!
KA-BOOM

FSSSSSS
WHAT?
HEH HEH HEH! I TOLD YOU, YOUR RISING DRAGON BLOW WON'T WORK ON ME ANYMORE!
... BECAUSE I WEAR THE ULTIMATE CLOTH.
SNEER
YOU CAN'T HURT ME, NO MATTER HOW ANGRY YOU ARE...
EVEN IF YOU IGNITE YOUR WHOLE COSMO, IT WILL DO YOU NO GOOD!
UNH!!

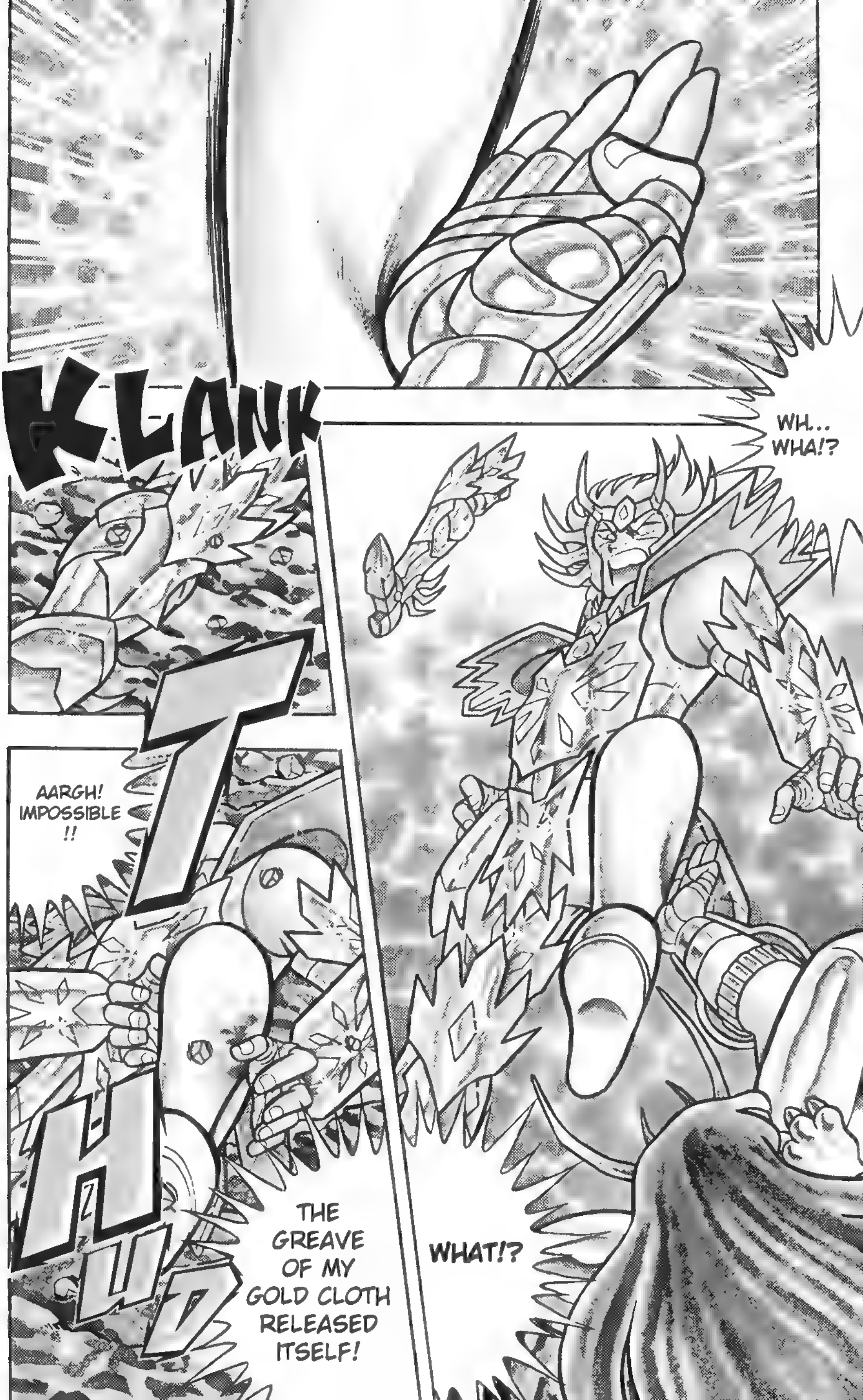
AAAAH! I'M FALLING INTO THE CRATOR !
IT'S YOU WHO WILL FALL! DIE, SHIRYÛ!
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
UNH ...
HEH HEH HEH... THE TABLES HAVE TURNED!
AS LONG AS I'M WEARING THE GOLD CANCER CLOTH, YOU COULDN'T KILL ME IF YOU THREW 10,000 BLOWS!!

UNH...
WHUMP
WHAT ARE THESE THINGS!?

THEY'RE THE LOST SOULS...
OF THE INNOCENT PEOPLE YOU MURDERED!
THEY COULDN'T GO ON TO THE AFTERLIFE! IT'S LIKE A DEATH BEYOND DEATH...
WHAT A HORRIBLE SIGHT! THEIR HATRED OF MEPHISTO PREVENTED THEM FROM RESTING IN PEACE! THEY'VE BEEN TRAPPED HERE IN THE BORDERLAND BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH.
DO YOU FEEL THE WEIGHT OF YOUR CRIMES, MEPHISTO?
ISN'T THE WRATH OF THESE SOULS TERRIBLE !?
HEH HEH HEH! THEIR NUMBERS ARE JUST PROOF OF MY PROWESS!
WHAT'S SO TERRIBLE ABOUT THEM? WHAT CAN THEY DO TO ME!?

YOU SAY THEY'RE NOT TRULY DEAD? THEN I'LL HURL THEM INTO THE PIT FOR THEIR OWN GOOD!
HE HAS NO REMORSE FOR HIS VICTIMS OR THE CRIMES HE'S COMMITTED!
UNH! HIS HEART IS STONE!
I-I DON'T UNDER-STAND. KNIGHTS ARE SUPPOSED TO DEFEND JUSTICE...
...AND GOLD KNIGHTS MOST OF ALL. HOW CAN THIS MAN BE A GOLD KNIGHT?
HOW COULD THE GODS GRANT STRENGTH AND A GOLD CLOTH TO SOMEONE SO EVIL?
THERE! FALL, FALL! AH HA HA!
NO, THIS IS EXACTLY WHY WE FIGHT...
TO PURGE THE EVIL THAT LURKS IN SANCTUARY AND BRING ON THE ERA OF TRUE KNIGHTS UNDER ATHENA. BUT WHAT CAN I DO?

UNH...
KRK KRK KRK
SORRY TO KEEP YOU HANGING, BUT NOW IT'S YOUR TURN.
UGH!
WITH YOUR MEAGER STRENGTH, NOT MUCH! HA HA HA HA HA!
TOMP
AAGH!
NOW FALL WITH THE OTHER LOST SOULS, SHIRYÛ !!
HEH HEH HEH HEH! WHAT A POOR LOSER YOU ARE!
MY BODY IS PROTECTED BY A GOLD CLOTH! YOUR PUNY BLOWS CAN'T EVEN DENT IT!


KLANK
WH... WHA!?
AARGH! IMPOSSIBLE !!
THUD
THE GREAVE OF MY GOLD CLOTH RELEASED ITSELF!
WHAT!?

MEPHISTO, A GOLD CLOTH IS A TOOL OF JUSTICE!
TUMP
M-MY LEG! IT'S BROKEN!
WH-WHAT?
AAH!
KRAK
ARRGH! THE ARM PIECE...
WHY? WHY!?

BECAUSE OF YOUR EVIL DEEDS, THE GOLD CLOTH NO LONGER ACKNOWLEDGES YOU!
WHAT... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IT'S THE GOLD CLOTH'S OWN WILL!!
RIDICULOUS! I'M A MIGHTY GOLD KNIGHT!!
SHOOM!
WHAT !?

THE CANCER CLOTH REMOVED ITSELF AND TOOK ITS STORAGE FORM...
KLANK
IMPOS-SIBLE ...
RRGH...
THIS IS THE END, MEPHISTO. WITHOUT A CLOTH, YOU'RE DEFENSELESS!
YOUR DEEDS ARE UNPAR-DONABLE! NOW YOU MUST PAY!
BUT NO MATTER HOW EVIL YOU ARE, I WON'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HELPLESSNESS !

NOW WE'RE ON EQUAL FOOTING! OUR COSMOS WILL DECIDE THIS FIGHT!
WH-WHAT? YOU TOOK OFF YOUR CLOTH! ARE YOU INSANE, SHIRYÛ!?

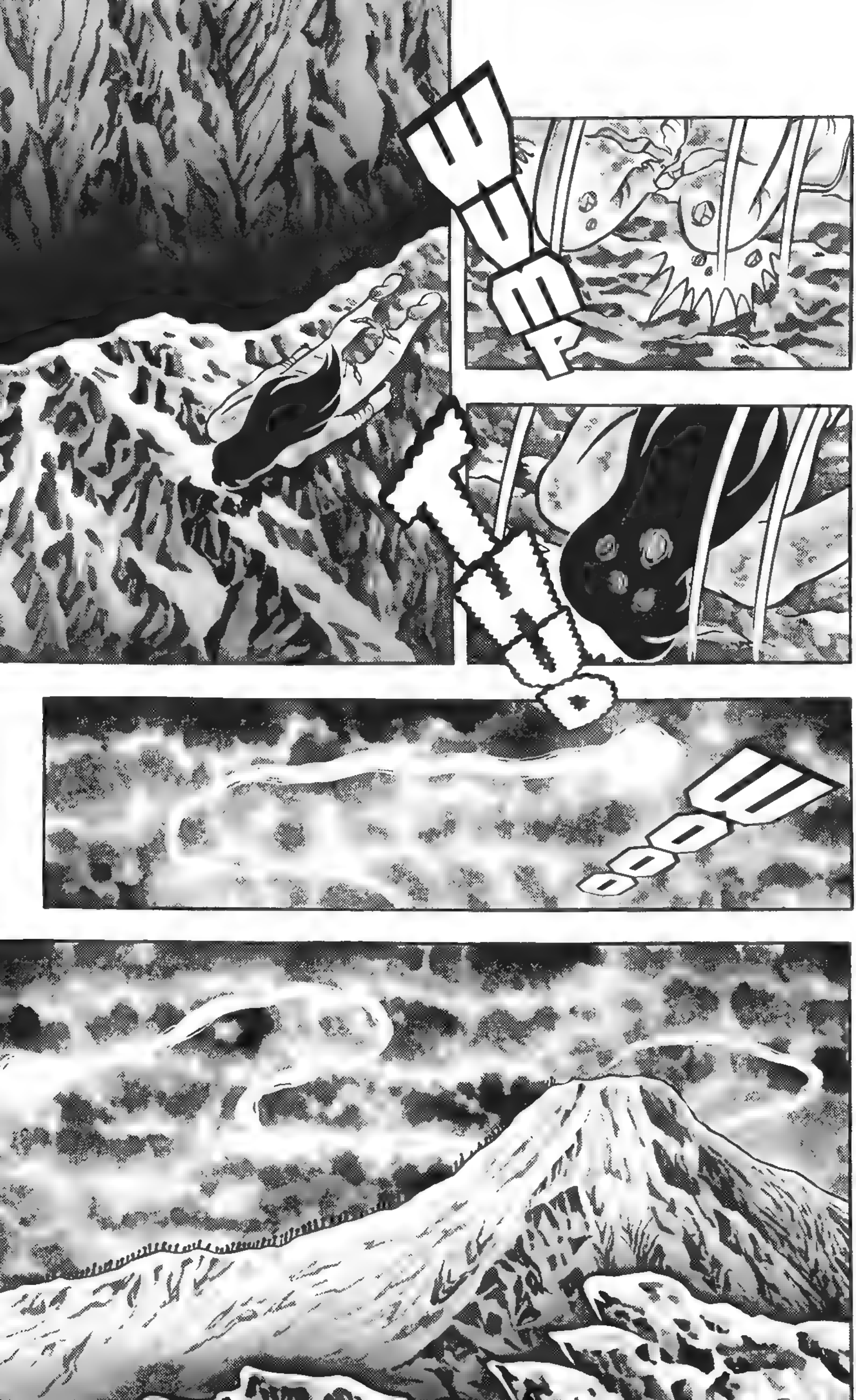
WE'LL SEE. MÛ TAUGHT US THE TRUE MEANING OF THE COSMO.
IN A TEST OF COSMOS, A GOLD KNIGHT'S IS SURE TO PREVAIL!
FOOL! YOU JUST THREW AWAY YOUR ONLY CHANCE TO DEFEAT ME!
IT'S SOMETHING THAT ONE MUST AWAKEN TO AND HONE IN BATTLE! I MAY ONLY BE A BRONZE KNIGHT...
THE SOURCE OF THE COSMO IS THE SEVENTH SENSE. IT'S MORE POWERFUL THAN ALL THE OTHER SENSES. EVEN RÔSHI COULD NOT TEACH IT TO ME. IT CAN'T BE LEARNED THAT WAY.
...BUT IF I AM TRUE AND FIGHT FOR JUSTICE, THEN TO DEFEAT EVIL...
...I CAN BRING MY COSMO UP TO THE LEVEL OF A GOLD KNIGHT'S, IF ONLY FOR AN INSTANT!

VERY WELL! AND I'LL FLARE MY COSMO TO ITS GREATEST INTENSITY AND THROW MY UNDERWORLD PORTAL CONFINEMENT!
I'VE NEVER USED IT HERE, AT THE VERY ENTRANCE TO THE UNDER-WORLD ITSELF...
RRRMMMB
IT SHOULD BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS. HEH HEH...
PERHAPS HIS SOUL WILL BE SHREDDED AND BLOWN TO SOME UNKNOWN DIMENSION...
...FROM WHICH IT CAN NEVER RETURN TO THE WORLD OF THE LIVING!
NOW, SHIRYŪ, I SHALL RIP YOUR SOUL APART! HERE!
SWASH
UNDER-WORLD PORTAL CONFINE-MENT!!

FOOL! DO YOU REALLY THINK YOUR COSMO CAN FLARE TO MY LEVEL?
FWOOSH
WH-WHAT--WHAT IS THAT!?
DRAGONS!? THE AURAS OF COUNT-LESS DRAGONS!?
N-NO, A GIGANTIC COSMO!!
WITH MY COSMO RAISED TO ITS GREATEST INTENSITY...
RISE, MY DRAGON! TO THE HEAVENS!!

RISING DRAGON BLOW!!

AAAAH!!
I-I DID IT. I BEAT A GOLD KNIGHT...
I TOOK DOWN MEPHISTO...

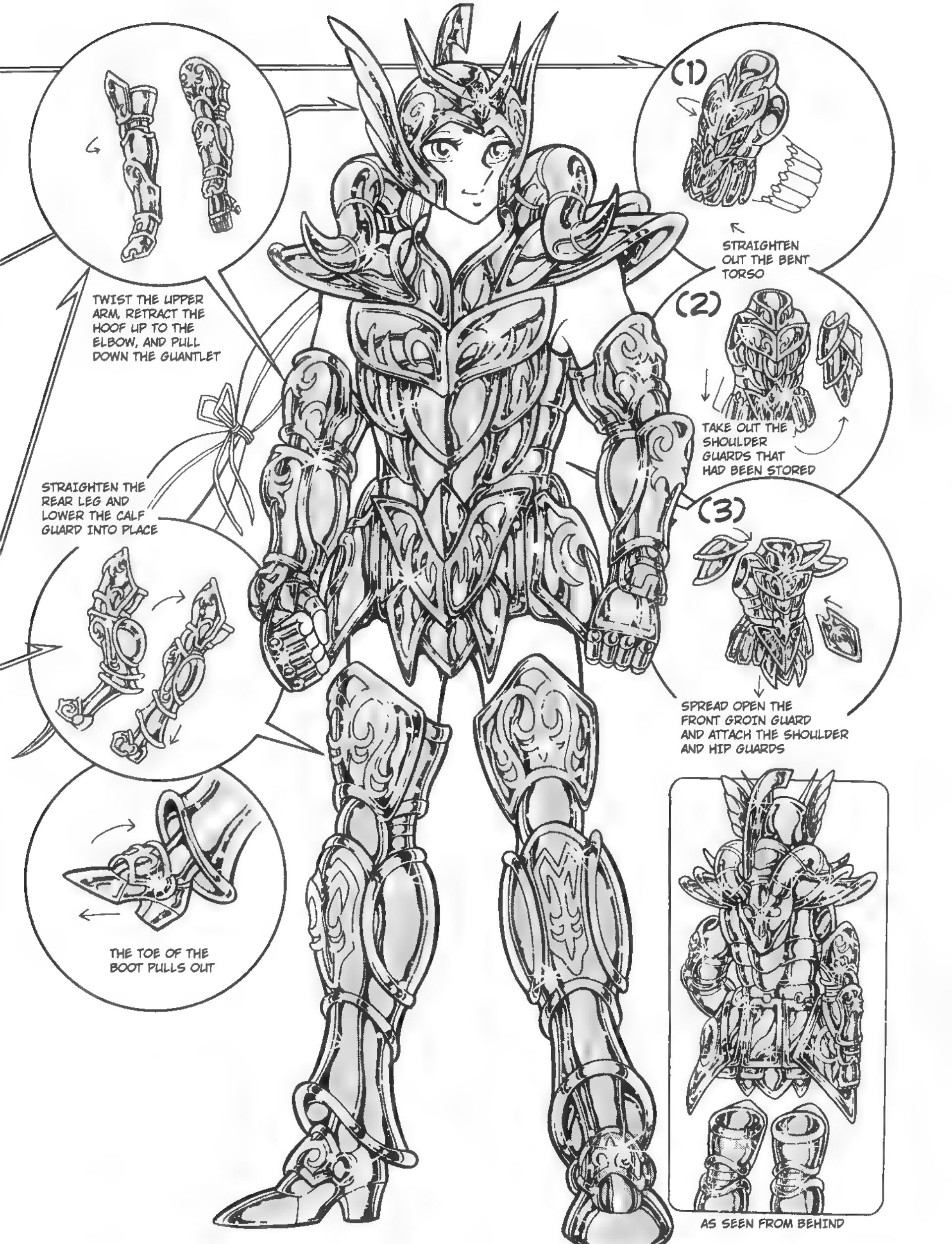

WHUMP
THUD
WOOOO

SHIRYÛ, HANG ON!!
SHIRYÛ!!
SHIRYÛ? YOUR CON- SCIOUS ...
UNH...
THANK THE GODS! I WAS AFRAID YOU'D GONE TO THE UNDERWORLD AGAIN.
SH-SHUN... IT'S YOU...
HEH... I DID GO THERE.
WHAT?
ALL THE WAY TO ITS VERY BRINK...

READ THIS WAY

SHIRYÛ, SUNREI IS SAFE. THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY.
MEPHISTO COULD NEVER HAVE GOTTEN AWAY WITH SUCH AN ATTACK IN FRONT OF ME! HO HO HO!
THOOOOM
RÔSHI, THANK YOU...
SUNREI, I'M SO RELIEVED...
BY THE WAY, MY DEAR SHIRYÛ, IT SEEMS YOU CAN SEE AGAIN.
HUH?
I-IT'S TRUE! SHIRYÛ, YOUR EYES...
YES, BUT HOW WAS I CURED?
IN ORDER TO DEFEAT MEPHISTO, YOU RAISED YOUR COSMO TO THE LEVEL OF A GOLD KNIGHT'S.
THAT APPEARS TO HAVE DONE FOR YOUR EYES WHAT NO TREATMENT OR MEDICINE COULD DO.
STIMULATING THE SOURCE OF YOUR LIFE FORCE TO ITS GREATEST EXTENT BROUGHT ABOUT SOME SORT OF MIRACULOUS TRANSFORMATION...

NOW GO! YOU STILL HAVE MUCH TO DO!
I SHALL PRAY FOR YOUR SAFETY AS WELL, SHIRYÛ!
HOWEVER, YOUR REAL BENEFACTOR WAS PERHAPS SUNREI.
HER UNCEASING PRAYERS BROUGHT YOU VICTORY...
THANK YOU, SUNREI.
OF COURSE.
THANK YOU, RÔSHI.
I'M GLAD YOU CAN SEE AGAIN,
SEIYA SHOULD BE AT THE PALACE OF THE LION BY NOW. LET'S GO!
OKAY!
THANKS, SHUN. BUT NEVER MIND THAT. LET'S HURRY ON. I'M WORRIED ABOUT HYÔGA.
ME, TOO. EARLIER, I FELT HIS COSMO DISAPPEAR ...



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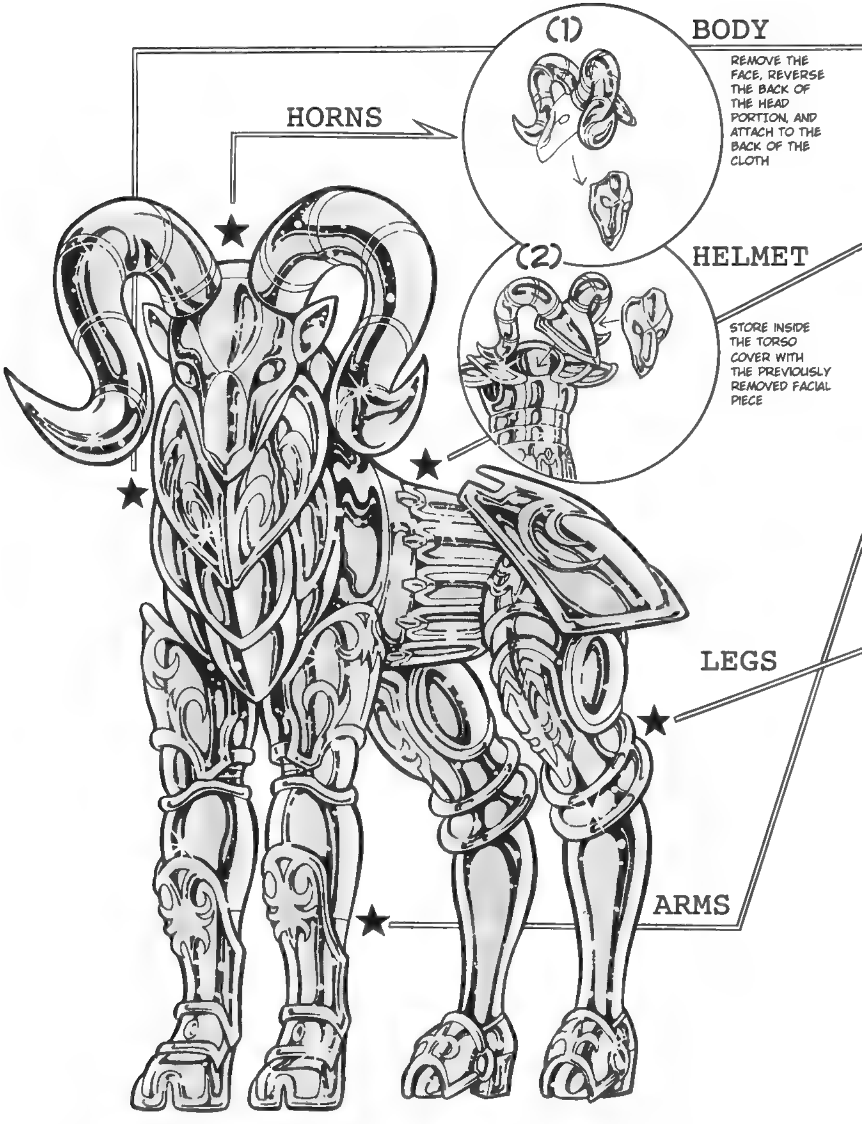

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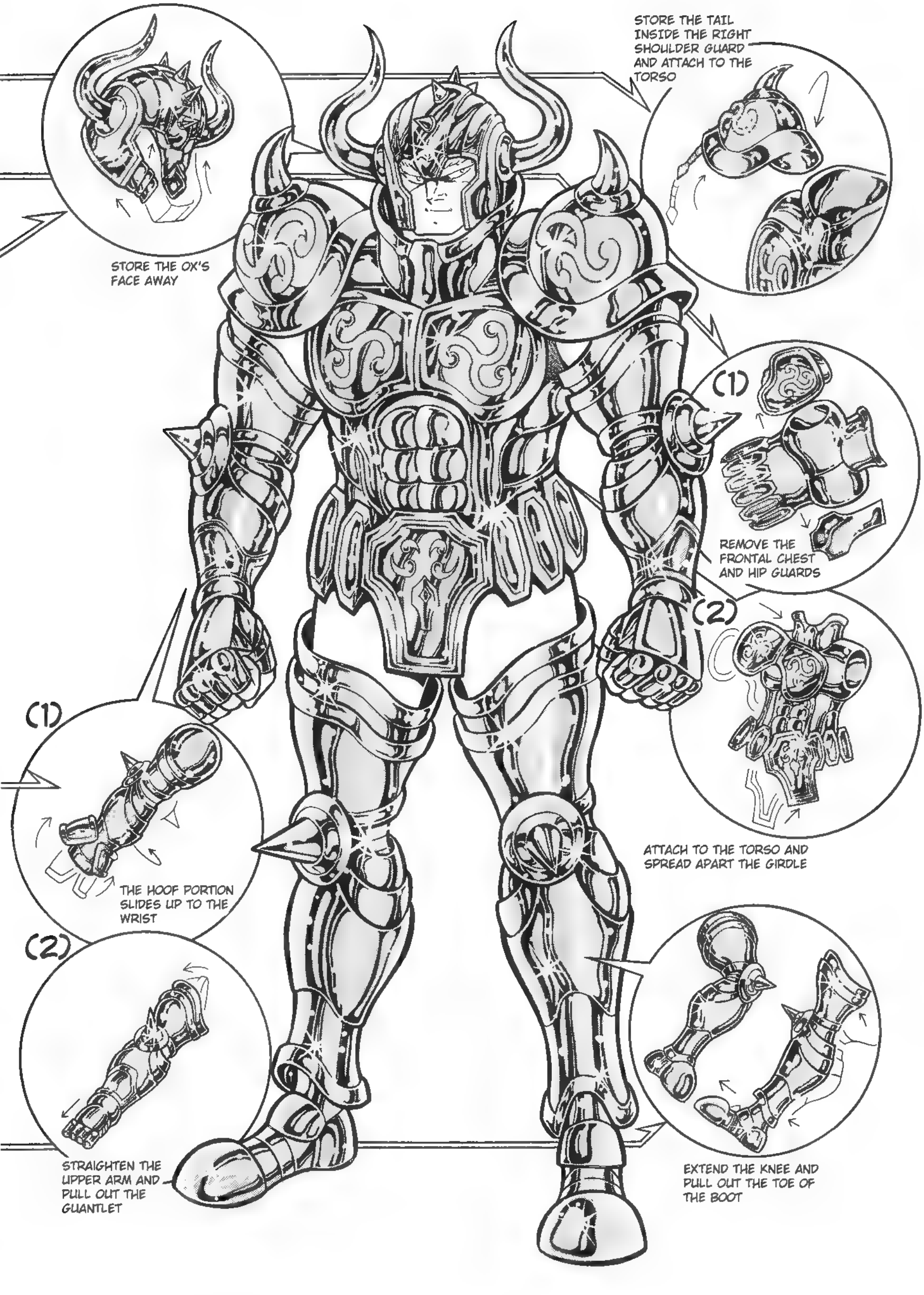
THE ARIES CLOTH



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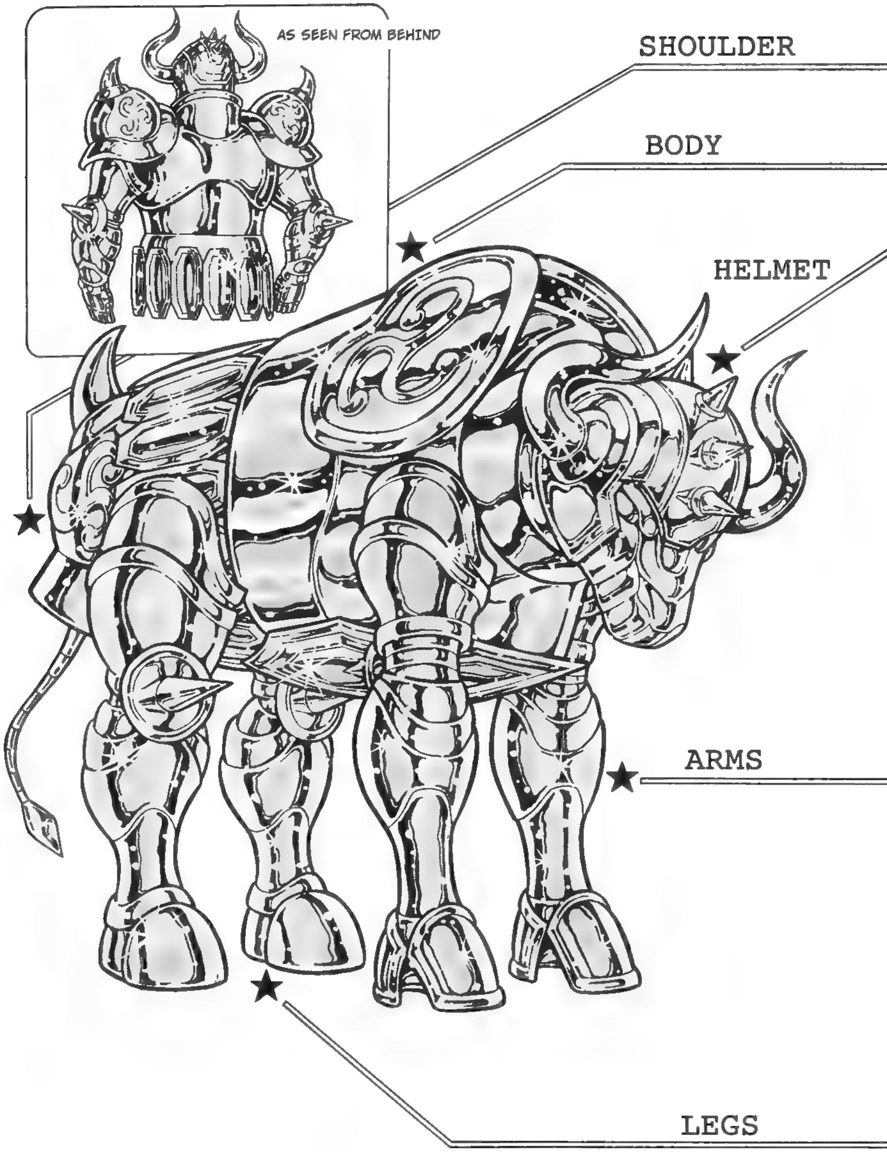

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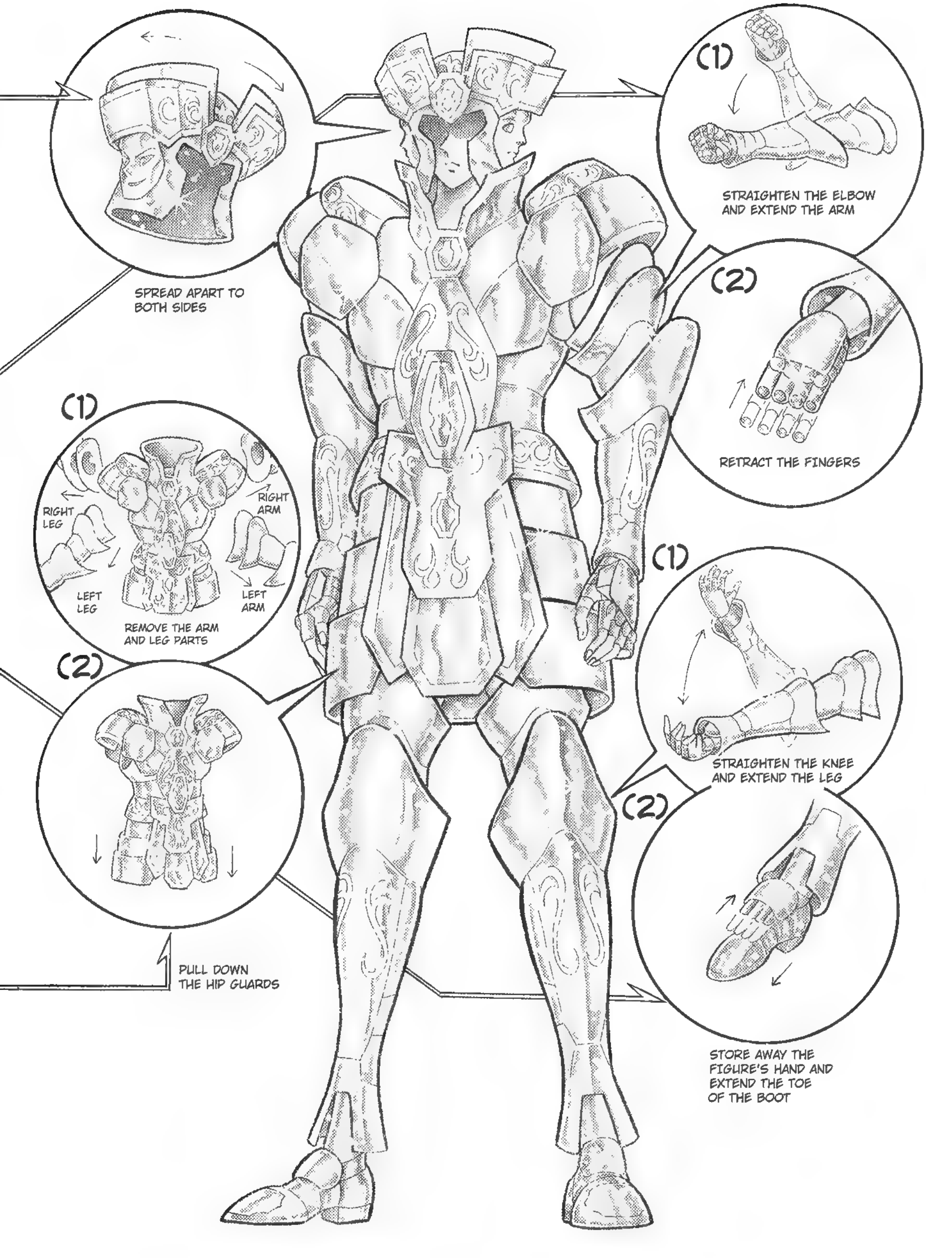
THE TAURUS CLOTH



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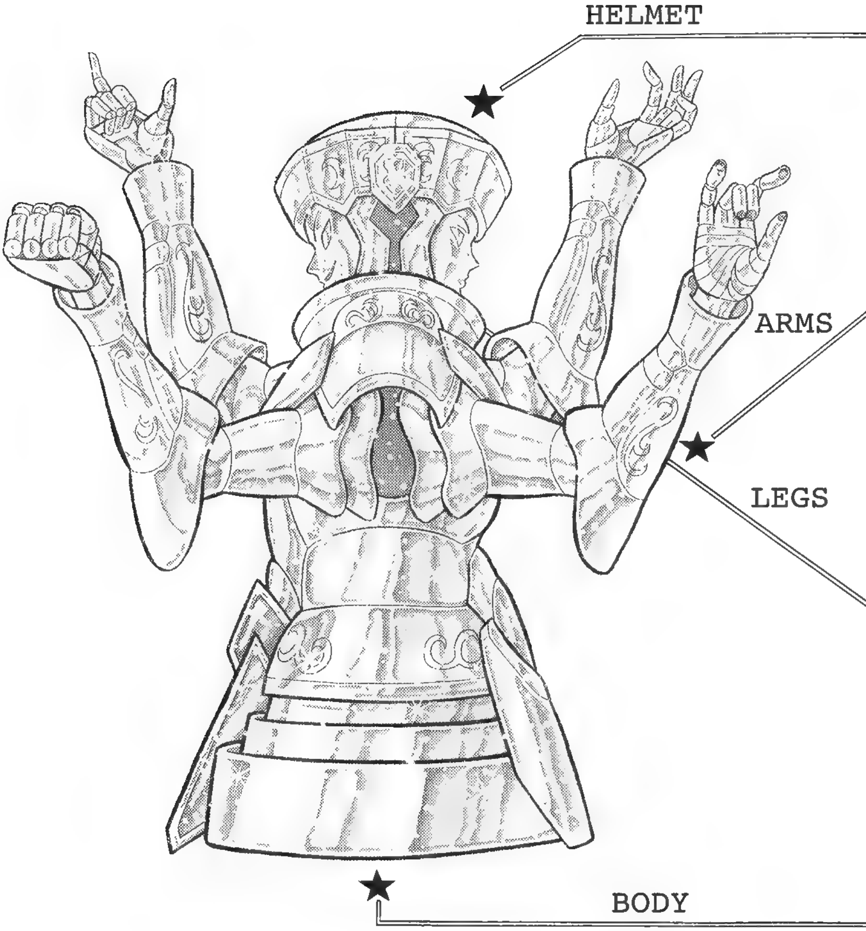

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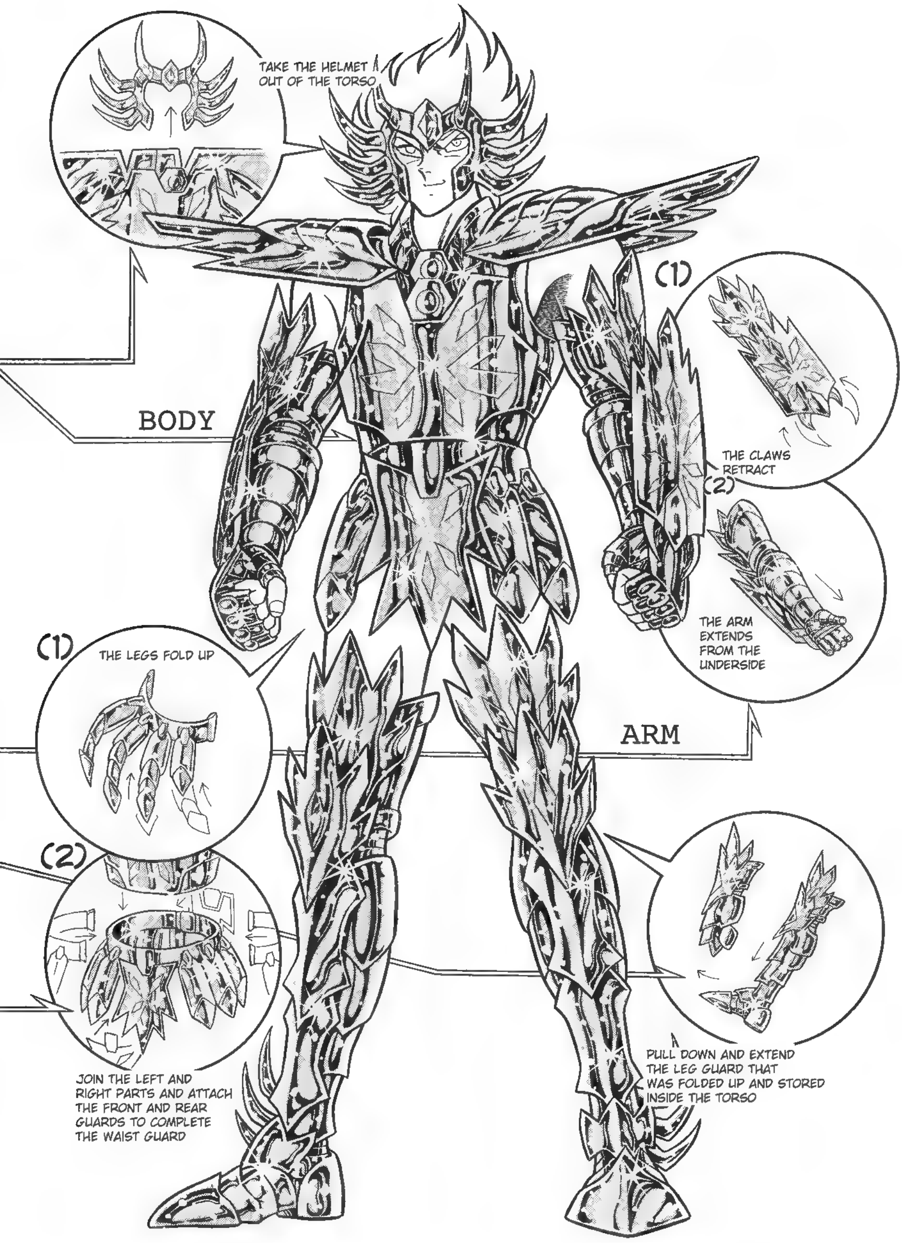
THE GEMINI CLOTH



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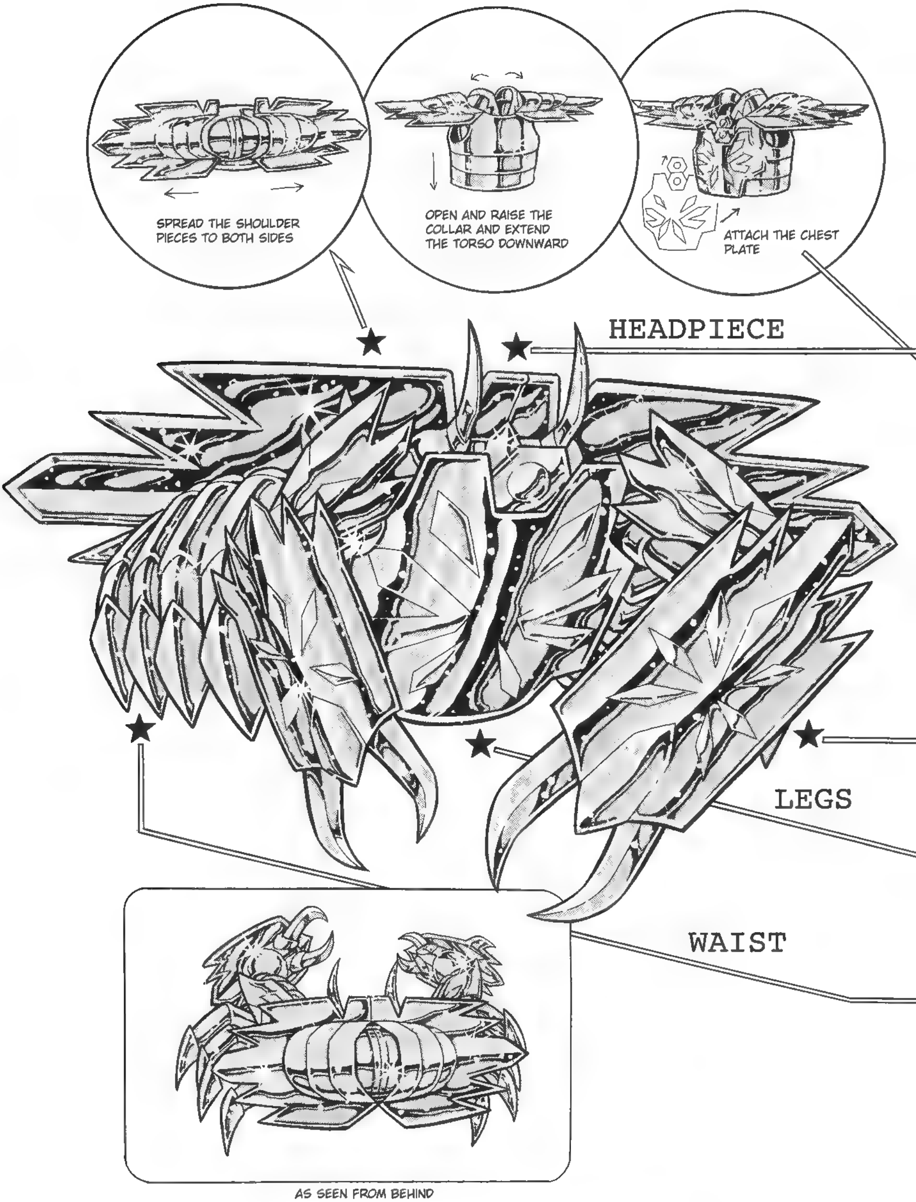

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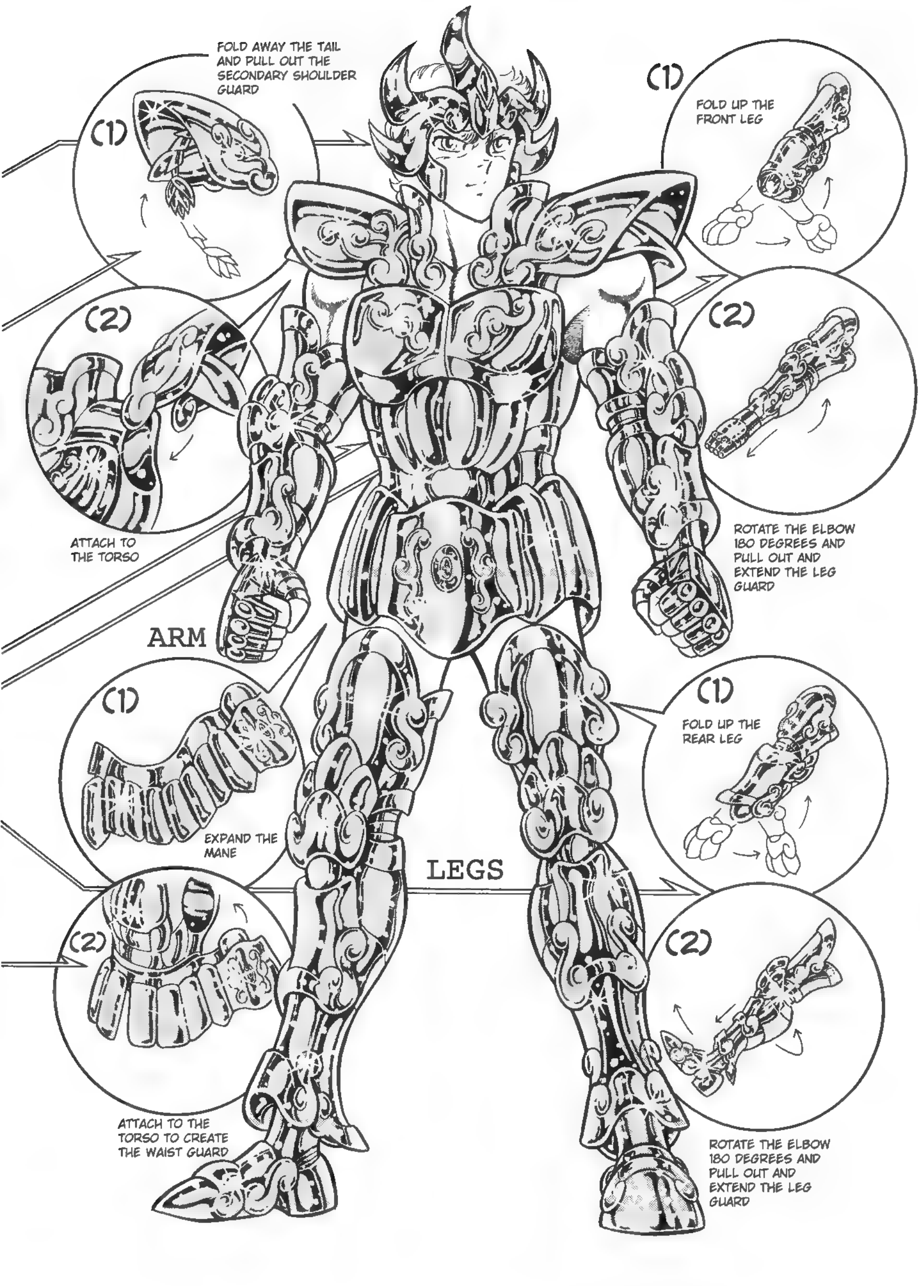
THE CANCER CLOTH



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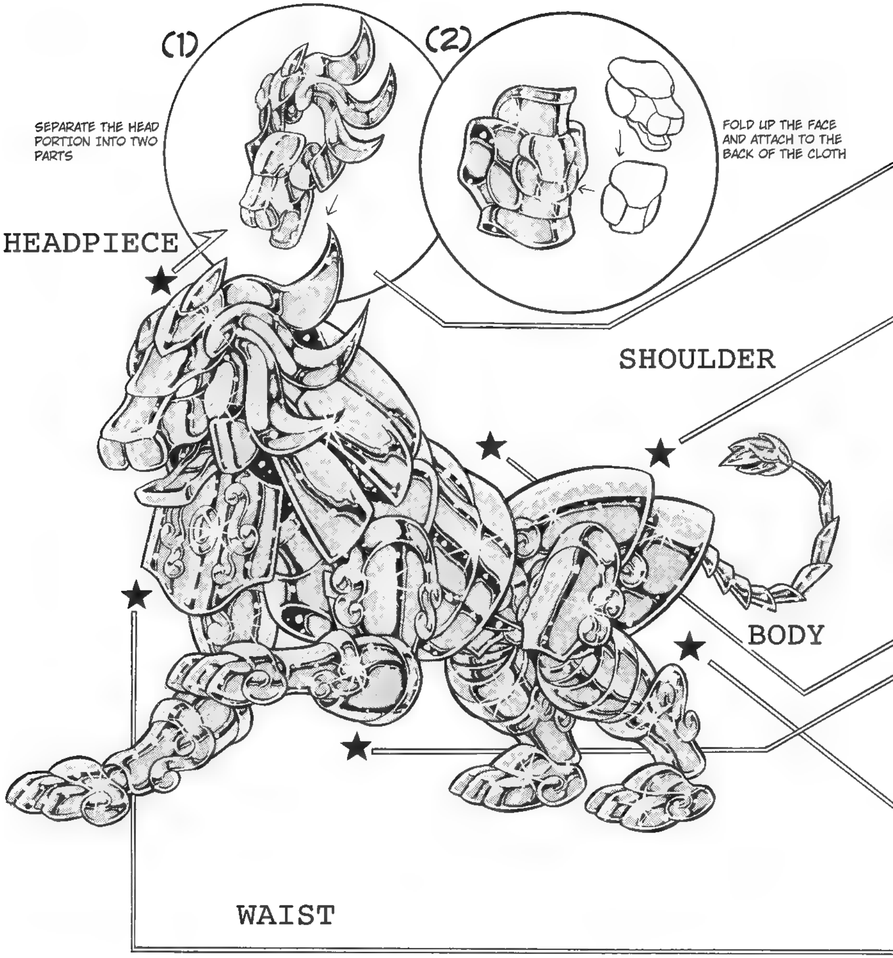

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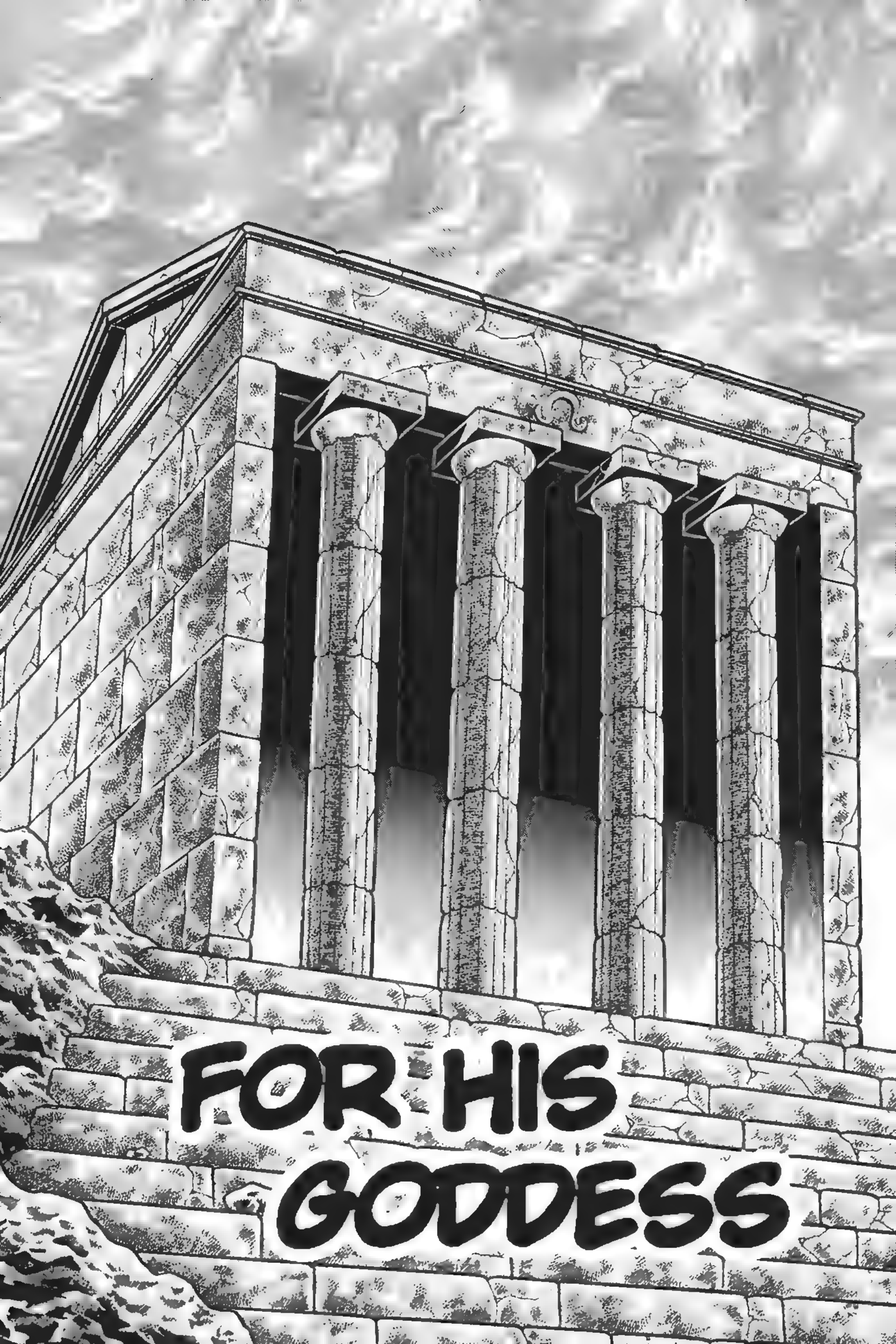
THE LEO CLOTH


FOR HIS
GODDESS

I TOLD YOU, I'LL KILL ANYONE WHO TRIES TO PASS THROUGH THE PALACE OF THE LION!
ARE YOU DETERMINED TO STAND IN MY WAY, AIORIA!?
I THOUGHT YOU REALIZED THAT THE MASTER IS EVIL!
WHAT'S GOING ON? DIDN'T YOU SWEAR ALLEGIANCE TO ATHENA WHEN YOU WERE IN JAPAN!?

I AM LEO AIORIA. MY DUTY IS TO GUARD THE PALACE OF THE LION.
DOOM
HE'S LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON. WHAT COULD'VE HAPPENED TO HIM?
HMM... SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT.
AIORIA, I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS! PRINCESS SIENNA AND HYÔGA ARE IN DANGER!
DON'T MAKE ME USE FORCE!!

WHAT!?
UNH...

WAS IT THE LIGHTNING BOLT...?
FWUMP
WH-WHAT HIT ME? I SAW A FLASH AND I FELT LIKE I WAS BEING BEATEN ALL OVER...
UNH... HE'LL KILL ME ...
NOW I'LL END YOUR PAIN, SEIYA!
TMP
FWASH

KRAK
WHOA!
GO NOW! UNLESS YOU WANT TO FEEL MY FURY, TOO!
TUP TUP
GO AWAY!
WHUD
UNH!
TELL THE MASTER THAT I'LL STOP THESE REBELS WITH-OUT HIS GUARDS SPYING ON ME!
Y-YES, SIR, BUT...

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU RETURNED TO SANCTUARY, AIORIA?
WOBBLE
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
SOMETHING DID HAPPEN, EH, AIORIA?
YES, IT IS!
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
YOU SWORE LOYALTY TO PRINCESS SIENNA IN JAPAN, AND NOW YOU'RE TRYING TO PREVENT ME FROM SAVING HER...
AT THE FOOT OF THESE 12 PALACES, PRINCESS SIENNA IS LYING WITH A GOLDEN ARROW IN HER CHEST!
THE MASTER IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN EXTRACT IT! AND IF HE DOESN'T DO IT WITHIN 12 HOURS, IT'LL BE TOO LATE!
IS THAT TRUE!?
YES! THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO DRAG THE MASTER OUT OF HIS CHAMBER AT ANY COST!
WH-WHAT? ATHENA'S HURT?

READ THIS WAY

FWOOSH
SPLAT
AIORIA'S SHOULDER FLASHED AND I GOT POUNDED AGAIN...
UNH... UGH... NOT AGAIN...
AAAH!!

...BUT NOW ALL I CAN DO IS TRY TO SEE THEM ON MY OWN.
OTHERWISE, I'M DEAD...
GRR
HE MUST BE THROWING LIGHT-SPEED PUNCHES, BUT IF I CAN'T SEE THEM, I CAN'T DODGE THEM.
BEFORE, I MANAGED TO DODGE THEM WITH THE HELP OF THE GOLD SAGITTARIUS CLOTH...
BURN, MY COSMO! BURN AS HOT AS AIORIA'S!!
IT'S OVER, SEIYA!!
COME ON, COSMO, GIVE ME A MIRACLE!!
LET ME SEE HIS LIGHT-SPEED MOVEMENTS!!

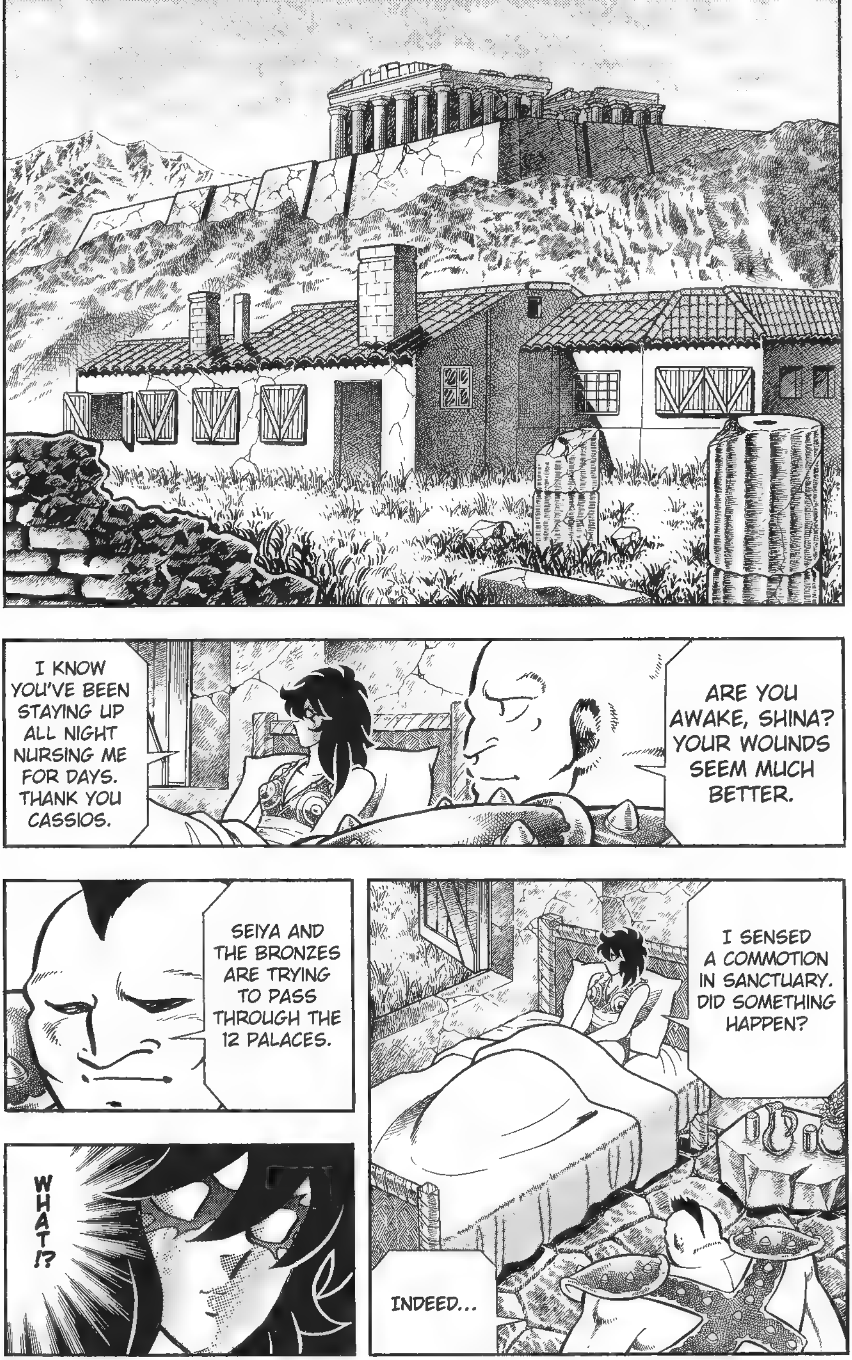
I-I SEE THEM!! COUNTLESS STREAMERS OF LIGHT!!

FOOM
AIORIA'S LIGHT-SPEED PUNCHES!!
UNH!
SHOOM
I DODGED THEM!!

NOW IF I CAN SOME-HOW LEAP ONTO HIS CHEST...
WH-WHAT!?
...I MIGHT HAVE ONE CHANCE IN 10,000 OF WINNING!!

READ THIS WAY

AIORIA'S CONSCIENCE HAS VANISHED COMPLETELY. HE'LL HAVE NO RESERVATIONS ABOUT KILLING YOU...
HEH HEH HEH HEH... YOU'VE DONE IT NOW, PEGASUS...
DEAR, DEAR PEGASUS, WITH YOUR OWN HAND YOU HAVE TURNED AIORIA INTO A DEVIL. HEH HEH HEH HEH...



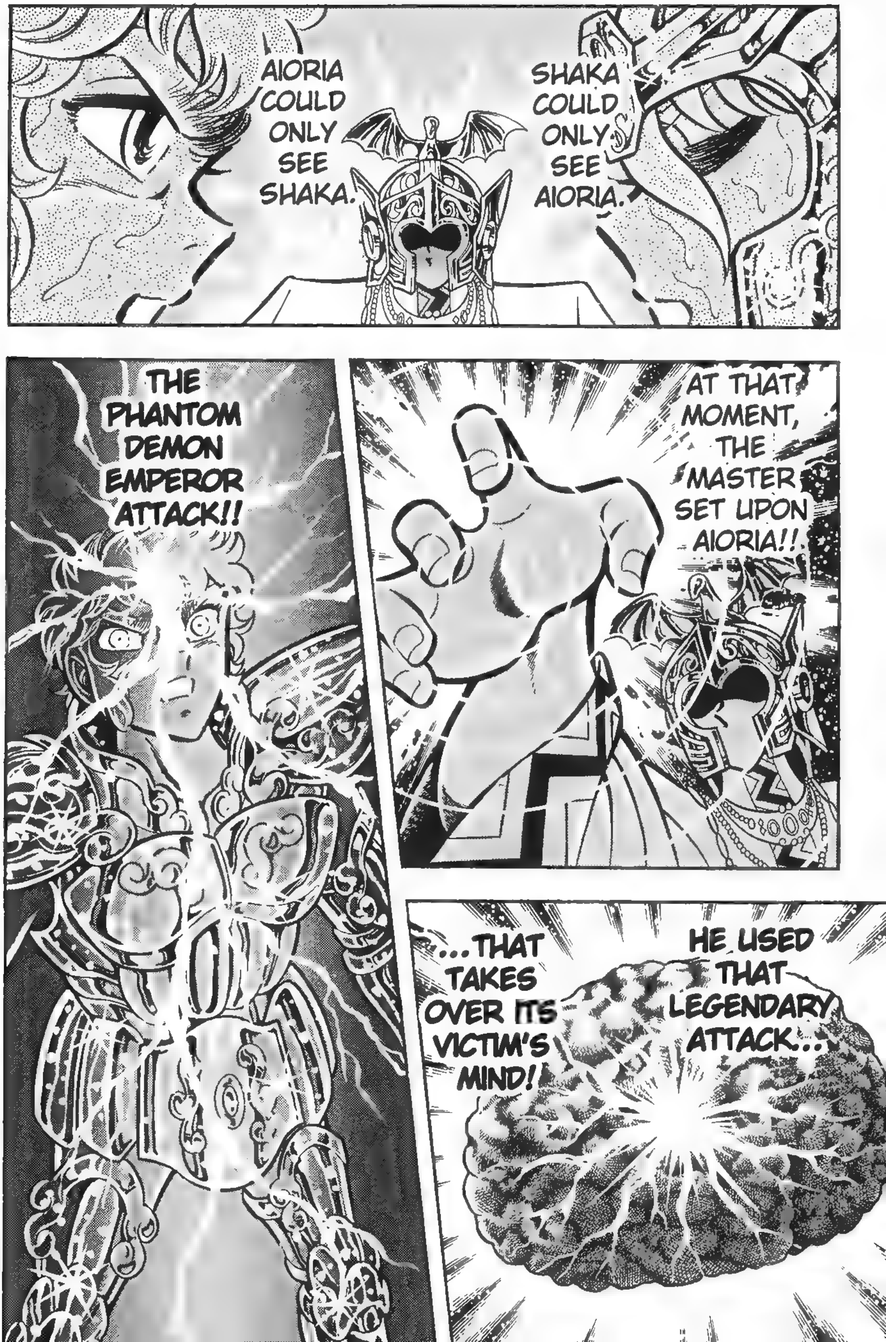
ARE YOU AWAKE, SHINA? YOUR WOUNDS SEEM MUCH BETTER.
I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN STAYING UP ALL NIGHT NURSING ME FOR DAYS. THANK YOU CASSIOS.
I SENSED A COMMOTION IN SANCTUARY. DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
INDEED...
SEIYA AND THE BRONZES ARE TRYING TO PASS THROUGH THE 12 PALACES.
WHAT!?

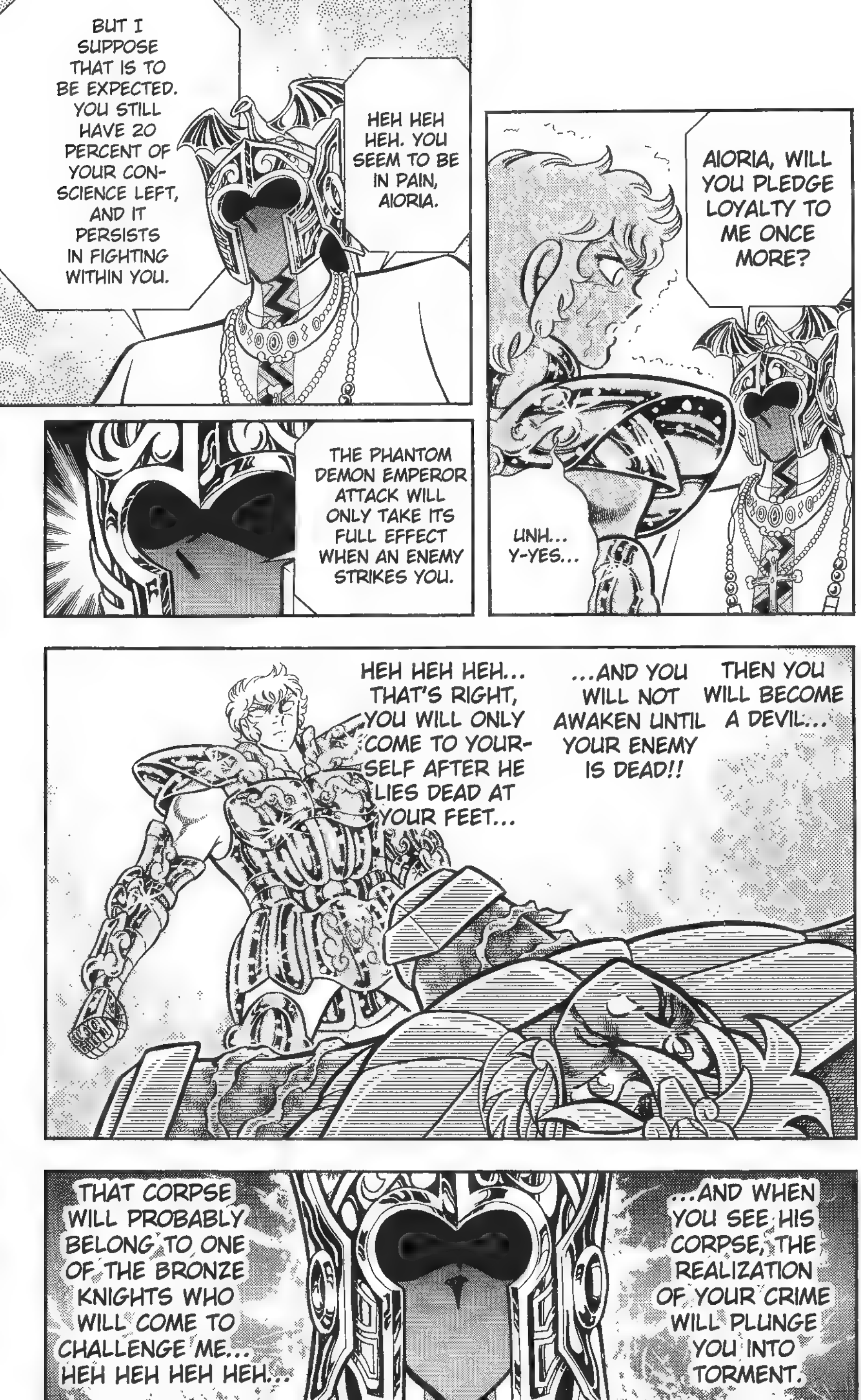
WHERE ARE THEY NOW, CASSIOS?
I BELIEVE SEIYA SHOULD HAVE REACHED AIORIA'S PALACE OF THE LION BY NOW...
SEIYA AND THE BRONZES?
THEY'VE ENTERED SANCTUARY...?
TUMP
AIORIA'S PALACE...
THEN HE SHOULD BE SAFE, FOR THE PRESENT.
AIORIA KNOWS OF THE MASTER'S TREACHERY AND HAS SWORN LOYALTY TO ATHENA. HE'S SEIYA'S ALLY...
DON'T BE TOO SURE. HE'S NO LONGER THE AIORIA HE WAS.
HE WAS STRUCK BY THE MASTER'S PHANTOM DEMON EMPEROR ATTACK!
WHAT!?
THE PHANTOM DEMON EMPEROR ATTACK? DOESN'T THAT TAKE OVER ITS VICTIM'S MIND?
NO! NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL THE MASTER'S STRENGTH IS...
...LEO AIORIA WOULD NEVER SUBMIT...

WHEN AIORIA RETURNED FROM JAPAN LAST WEEK, CARRYING YOUR UNCONSCIOUS BODY...
...HE REQUESTED TREATMENT FOR YOU AND IMMEDIATELY HEADED FOR THE MASTER'S CHAMBER.
SHINA!
UNFORTUNATELY, SHAKA WAS WAITING FOR HIM THERE.
SHAKA!!
THE VIRGO KNIGHT? WHOSE STRENGTH IS SAID TO BE CLOSEST TO THAT OF THE GODS!?
YES. SHAKA AND AIORIA FACED OFF IN THE MASTER'S CHAMBER!!

LIGHTNING BOLT!!
DEMON PACIFICATION!
OM
FWOOOSH
KA-BOOO

READ THIS WAY
UGH!
UNH!
EACH USED HIS ULTIMATE MOVE, BUT GOLD KNIGHTS ARE NEARLY EQUAL, SO IT ENDED IN A ONE-THOUSAND-DAY SHOWDOWN.
FWOO
HUFF
FWOO
HUFF
FWOO
HUFF
NEITHER OF THEM COULD MAKE THE SLIGHTEST WRONG MOVE.
ONE TINY SLIP WOULD SPELL DISASTER.
EYE TO EYE, LEG TO LEG, FIST TO FIST...
THEIR MINDS AND BODIES WERE FOCUSED TOTALLY ON EACH OTHER.


AIORIA COULD ONLY SEE SHAKA.
SHAKA COULD ONLY SEE AIORIA.
AT THAT MOMENT, THE MASTER SET UPON AIORIA!!
THE PHANTOM DEMON EMPEROR ATTACK!!
HE USED THAT LEGENDARY ATTACK...
...THAT TAKES OVER ITS VICTIM'S MIND!


BUT I SUPPOSE THAT IS TO BE EXPECTED. YOU STILL HAVE 20 PERCENT OF YOUR CON-SCIENCE LEFT, AND IT PERSISTS IN FIGHTING WITHIN YOU.
HEH HEH HEH. YOU SEEM TO BE IN PAIN, AIORIA.
AIORIA, WILL YOU PLEDGE LOYALTY TO ME ONCE MORE?
UNH... Y-YES...
THE PHANTOM DEMON EMPEROR ATTACK WILL ONLY TAKE ITS FULL EFFECT WHEN AN ENEMY STRIKES YOU.
THEN YOU WILL BECOME A DEVIL...
...AND YOU WILL NOT AWAKEN UNTIL YOUR ENEMY IS DEAD!!
HEH HEH HEH... THAT'S RIGHT, YOU WILL ONLY COME TO YOUR-SELF AFTER HE LIES DEAD AT YOUR FEET...
...AND WHEN YOU SEE HIS CORPSE, THE REALIZATION OF YOUR CRIME WILL PLUNGE YOU INTO TORMENT.
THAT CORPSE WILL PROBABLY BELONG TO ONE OF THE BRONZE KNIGHTS WHO WILL COME TO CHALLENGE ME... HEH HEH HEH HEH...

THUMP
SHINA! YOU'RE NOT WELL! WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?
DON'T TRY TO STOP ME, CASSIOS!
I'M GOING TO THE PALACE OF THE LION!
DO YOU INTEND TO DIE IN SEIYA'S PLACE!?
!
IF YOU WON'T LISTEN TO REASON, THEN I HAVE NO CHOICE.
WHAT!?
FORGIVE ME!
SWUP
UNH!
C-CASSIOS, YOU...

READ THIS WAY

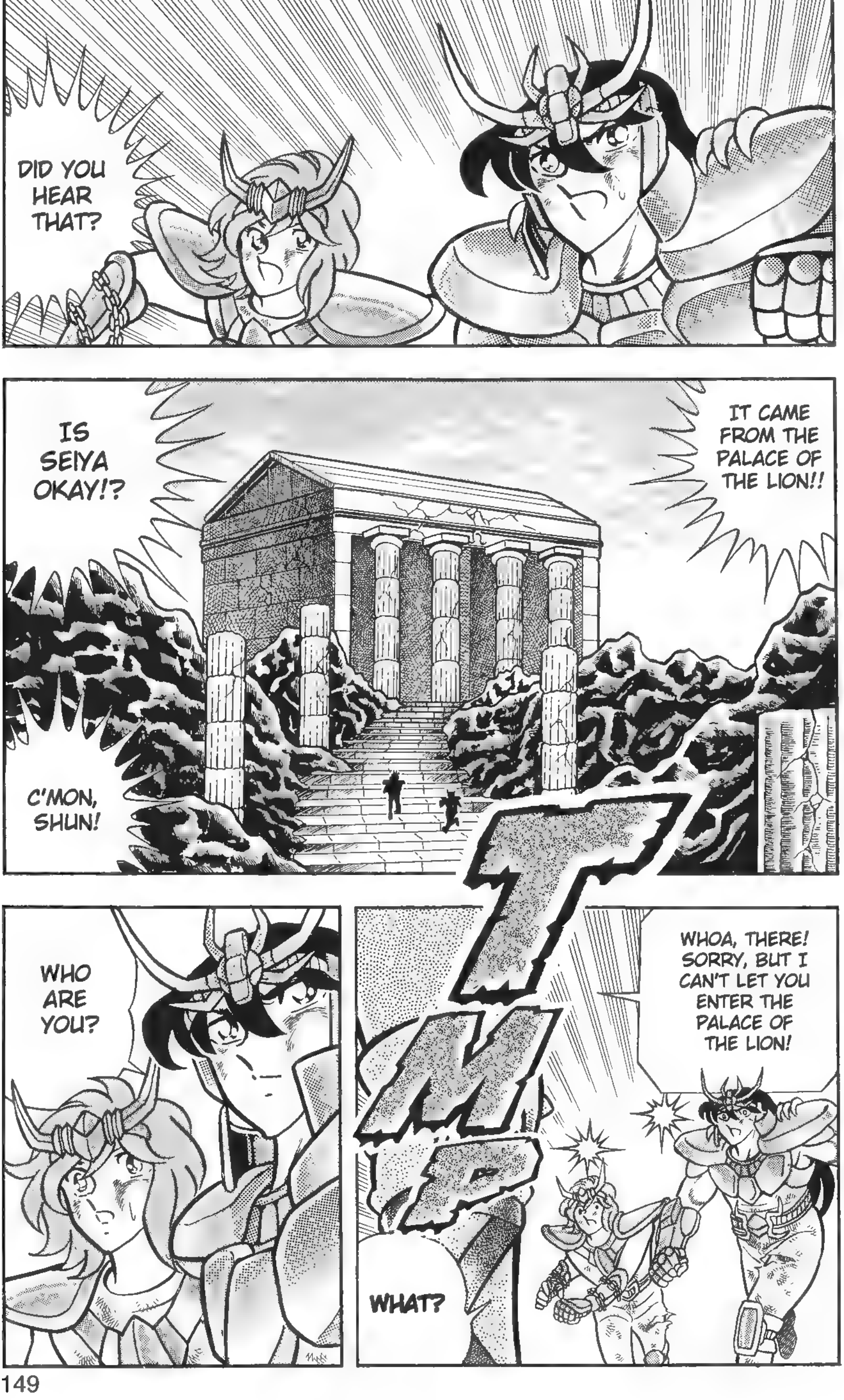
WHAM
KRASH
I-I DID IT! I DODGED AIORIA'S LIGHT-SPEED PUNCHES AND FINALLY LANDED A KICK!
WHOOM

WH-WHAT THE-- THAT LOOK IN HIS EYES...
HE'S NOT THE SAME AS HE WAS BEFORE I KICKED HIM. WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHOA!
AIORIA LOOKS LIKE HE WANTS TO KILL ME!
WHAT?

AAAH!!
UNH... M-MY LEG...

READ THIS WAY
HA! IT'S BROKEN. AND WITHOUT YOUR FAMOUS SPEED, YOU'RE DOOMED, SEIYA.
SO, DO I STRIKE THE FINAL BLOW AT ONCE, OR MAKE THE FUN LAST?
UNH...
HE...HE REALLY IS DIFFERENT! THE OTHER TIMES WE FOUGHT, I SENSED WARMTH AND NOBILITY IN HIM.
AIORIA EMBODIED DUTY, WISDOM, AND COURAGE--HE WAS THE EPITOME OF A KNIGHT...
...BUT NOW HE SEEMS MORE LIKE A DEMON.
YES, A DEMON WHO EXISTS ONLY TO CRUSH HIS ENEMIES!
DIE, SEIYA!!

KRASH


DID YOU HEAR THAT?
IT CAME FROM THE PALACE OF THE LION!!
IS SEIYA OKAY!?
C'MON, SHUN!
TMP
WHOA, THERE! SORRY, BUT I CAN'T LET YOU ENTER THE PALACE OF THE LION!
WHAT?
WHO ARE YOU?

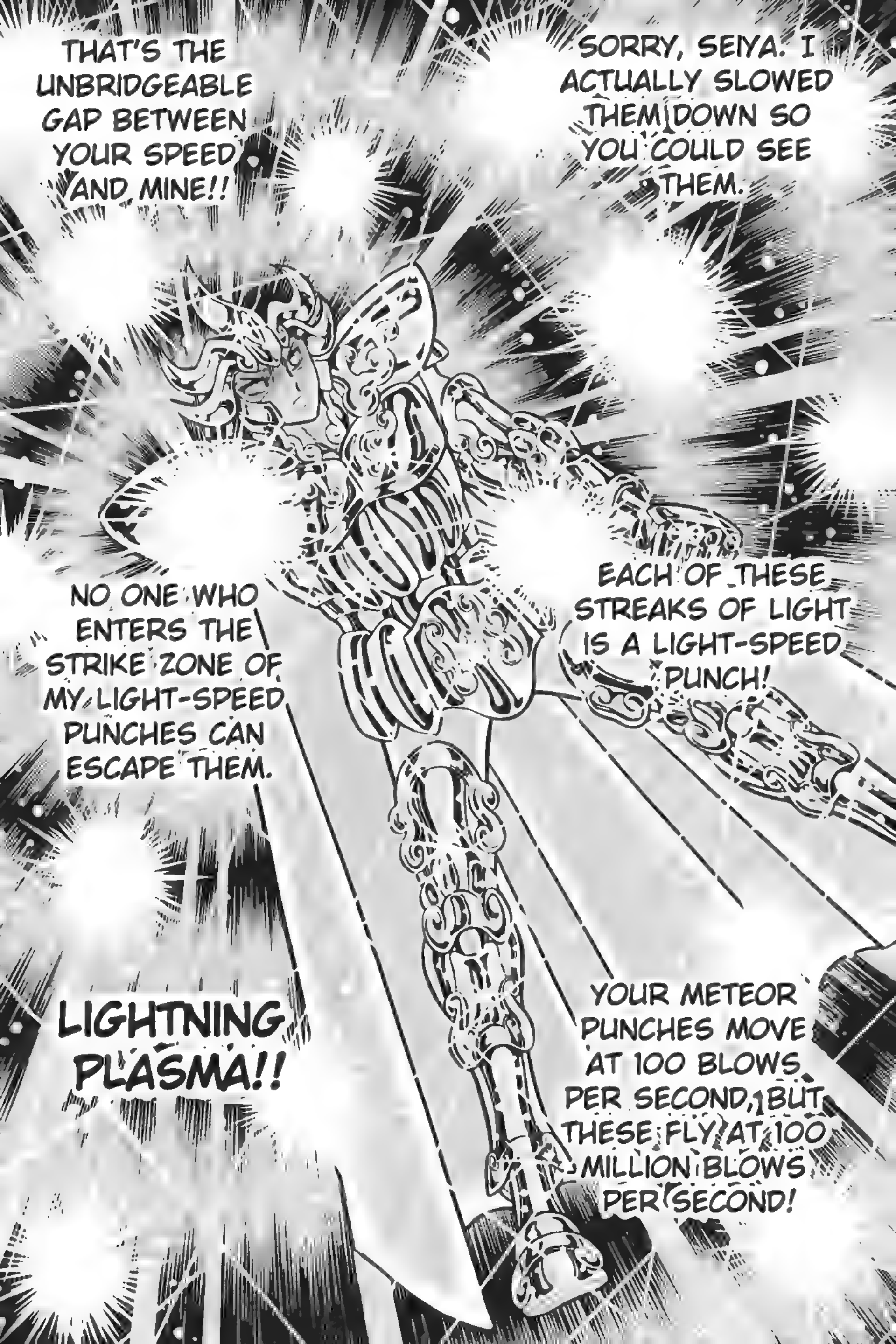
YOU'RE THE ONE SEIYA FOUGHT FOR THE PEGASUS CLOTH.
CASSIOS?
I AM CASSIOS!
YES, THE PEGASUS CLOTH SHOULD HAVE BEEN MINE, BUT SEIYA TOOK IT FROM ME.
I HATE HIM FOR THAT!
AND IT STILL HURTS WHERE HE CHOPPED OFF MY EAR! HEH HEH HEH HEH...

READ THIS WAY

THE MASTER HAS TURNED AIORIA INTO A MINDLESS KILLING MACHINE. AIORIA, WHO IS ONE OF THE TWO STRONGEST GOLD KNIGHTS, IS NOW A REMORSELESS DEVIL! HE'D MAKE MINCEMEAT OF YOU BRONZES. SEIYA'S BODY HAS PROBABLY ALREADY BEEN TORN TO PIECES...

HUFF
TWITCH
HUFF
HUFF
TWITCH
HUFF
HUFF
YOUR RIGHT LEG IS USELESS!
WELL, IT WON'T HURT MUCH LONGER-- HEH.
TIME TO END THIS. THIS TIME, IT WON'T BE YOUR LEG I PULVERIZE, BUT YOUR HEART!
DIE, SEIYA!!

F-FOR THE SAKE OF SHIRYU AND SHUN, I HAVE TO GET ONE SHOT IN...
HUFF
HUFF
YOU'RE TENACIOUS, BUT YOU ONLY PROLONG YOUR SUFFERING...
I MAY ONLY HAVE ONE CHANCE IN 10,000, BUT...
EARLIER, FOR JUST AN INSTANT, I WAS ABLE TO SEE HIS LIGHT-SPEED PUNCHES...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HEH. IS THIS WHAT YOU SAW?
WOOSH
I-I CAN SEE THEM!
THE STREAMS OF LIGHT FROM AIORIA'S PUNCHES!
WOOSH
WOOSH
WOOSH


SORRY, SEIYA. I ACTUALLY SLOWED THEM DOWN SO YOU COULD SEE THEM.
THAT'S THE UNBRIDGEABLE GAP BETWEEN YOUR SPEED AND MINE!!
EACH OF THESE STREAKS OF LIGHT IS A LIGHT-SPEED PUNCH!
NO ONE WHO ENTERS THE STRIKE ZONE OF MY LIGHT-SPEED PUNCHES CAN ESCAPE THEM.
YOUR METEOR PUNCHES MOVE AT 100 BLOWS PER SECOND, BUT THESE FLY AT 100 MILLION BLOWS PER SECOND!
LIGHTNING PLASMA!!

HEH-- YOU CAN'T SEE AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT.
YOU JUST SAW A FEW PUNCHES AS MY COSMO COOLED A BIT.
WIP
HERE'S PROOF. CAN YOU SEE THIS!?
I'LL FOCUS MY ENTIRE COSMO AND THROW...
FWOOOSH
...TRUE LIGHTNING PLASMA PUNCHES!!

KRAKSH
DO YOU FINALLY SEE THE FUTILITY OF CHALLENGING A GOLD KNIGHT?
NOW DO YOU SEE? YOU CANNOT WIN.
THAT REALI-ZATION HAS COME TOO LATE FOR YOU!
UNH... IT'S NO USE.
IT'S LIKE MÛ SAID... THE GAP BETWEEN US IS TOO GREAT...
AAAAAH!

HOLD!!
LONG TIME NO SEE, SEIYA.
CASSIOS!
SINCE THE DAY WE FOUGHT, I'VE DREAMED OF NOTHING BUT REVENGE.
WITH EVERY THROB OF MY STUB, I THOUGHT OF KILLING YOU.
NO ONE ELSE CAN TAKE SEIYA'S LIFE! THAT PRIVILEGE BELONGS TO ME!

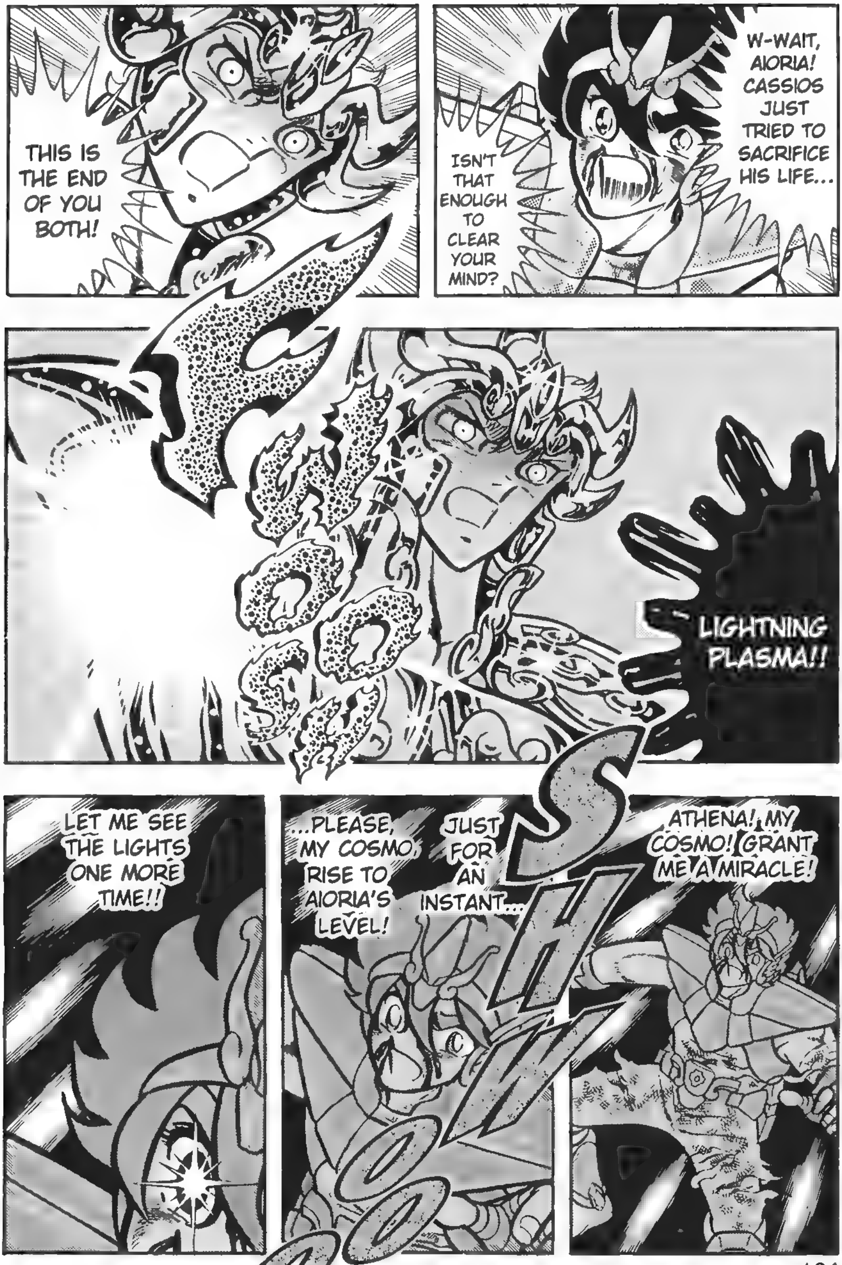
READ THIS WAY

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS, CASSIOS ?
CASSIOS !?
GRR...
RUN FOR IT!!
SEIYA, I'LL HOLD HIM HERE!
THAT'S WHY HE WAS DIF- FERENT!
WH- WHAT!?
HURRY! GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE--
AIORIA IS UNDER THE SPELL OF THE MASTER'S PHANTOM DEMON EMPEROR ATTACK!
HE WON'T SNAP OUT OF IT UNTIL SOMEONE DIES BEFORE HIS EYES!

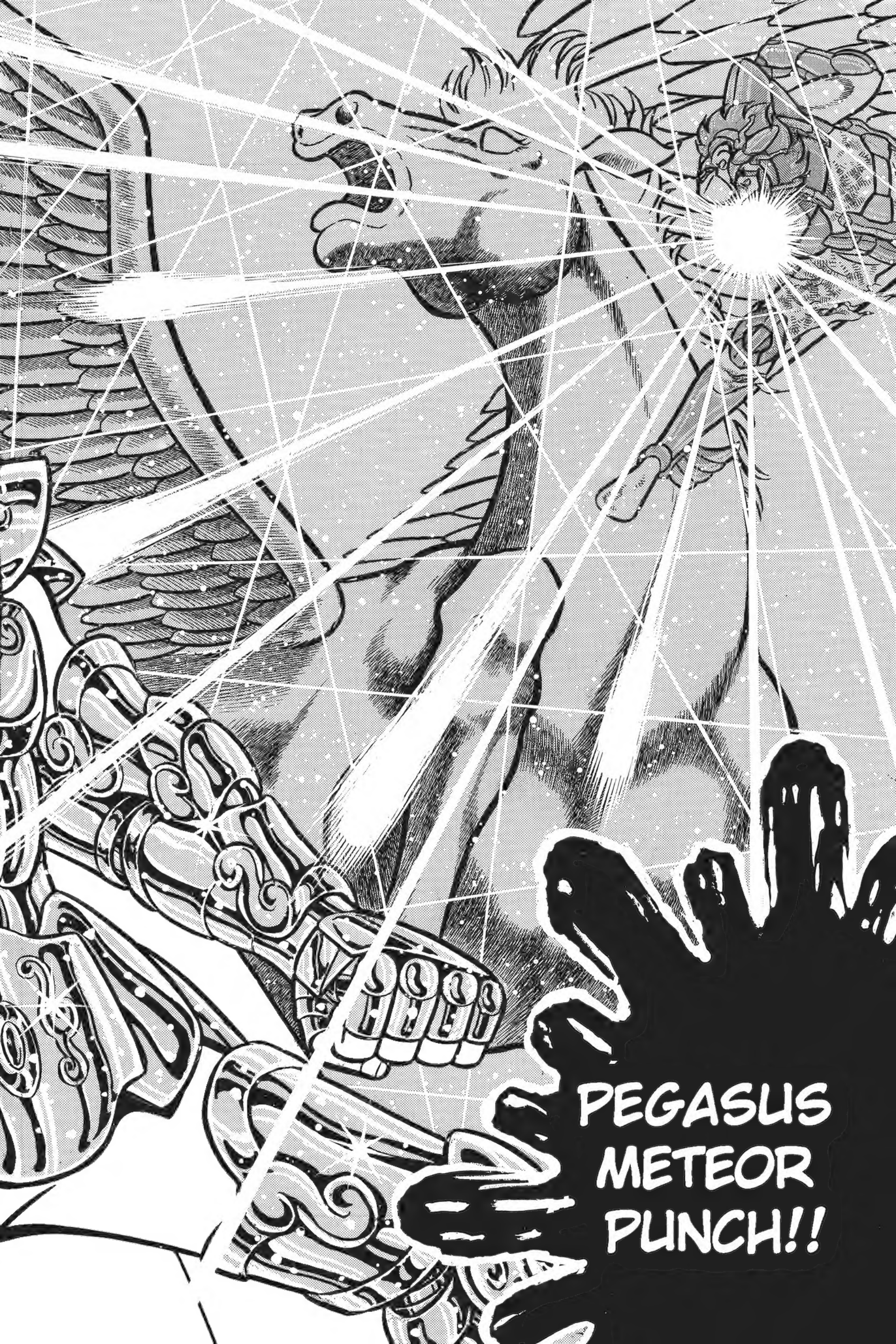
W-WAIT, AIORIA...
OUT OF MY WAY, CASSIOS. I'VE NO INTEREST IN YOU.
NO... I WON'T MOVE...
...UNTIL YOU WAKE UP...
THEN YOU SHALL DIE FIRST!
WHOOM
UGH!
WHAT!? NO!
SHUNK

ARRRGH
...
AND IF YOU DIED, YOU'D BE MOURNED ...
HEH... I TOLD YOU, SOMEONE HAS TO DIE BEFORE AIORIA'S EYES...
CASSIOS, WHY!?
HUH ...?

READ THIS WAY
I DIDN'T DO THIS FOR YOU, SEIYA. I JUST COULDN'T STAND TO SEE HER IN PAIN...
SHE'S MY GODDESS ...
C-CASSIOS ...
I CAN'T HAVE YOU INTERFERING ANYMORE.
I'LL SEND BOTH OF YOU TO HELL WITH MY LIGHTNING PLASMA!


W-WAIT, AIORIA! CASSIOS JUST TRIED TO SACRIFICE HIS LIFE...
ISN'T THAT ENOUGH TO CLEAR YOUR MIND?
THIS IS THE END OF YOU BOTH!
LIGHTNING PLASMA!!
ATHENA! MY COSMO! GRANT ME A MIRACLE!
JUST FOR AN INSTANT...
...PLEASE, MY COSMO, RISE TO AIORIA'S LEVEL!
LET ME SEE THE LIGHTS ONE MORE TIME!!

I SEE THEM!!
FWASH
THIS IS MY LAST CHANCE!
WAKE UP, AIORIA!!
WHAT!?


PEGASUS METEOR PUNCH!!

WHAT!?
AAAH!!

TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 10!

CASSIOS, NOW YOU CAN WATCH OVER SHINA FROM THE HEAVENS... FOREVER...
CASSIOS ...